

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2564

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

51 **SECTION 1.** The provisions of Sections 1 through 6 of this
52 act shall be known as the "Comprehensive Career and Technical
53 Education Reform" or "CCATER" Act.

54 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
55 amended as follows:

56 37-15-38. (1) The following phrases have the meanings
57 ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires
58 otherwise:

59 (a) A dual enrolled student is a student who is
60 enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of
61 higher learning while enrolled in high school.

62 (b) A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled
63 in a community or junior college or state institution of higher
64 learning while enrolled in high school and who is receiving high
65 school and college credit for postsecondary coursework.

66 (2) A local school board, the Board of Trustees of State
67 Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community

68 College Board shall establish a dual enrollment system under which
69 students in the school district who meet the prescribed criteria
70 of this section may be enrolled in a postsecondary institution in
71 Mississippi while they are still in school.

72 (3) **Dual credit eligibility.** Before credits earned by a
73 qualified high school student from a community or junior college
74 or state institution of higher learning may be transferred to the
75 student's home school district, the student must be properly
76 enrolled in a dual enrollment program.

77 (4) **Admission criteria for dual enrollment in community and**
78 **junior college or university programs.** The Mississippi Community
79 College Board and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
80 Higher Learning may recommend to the State Board of Education
81 admission criteria for dual enrollment programs under which high
82 school students may enroll at a community or junior college or
83 university while they are still attending high school and enrolled
84 in high school courses. Students may be admitted to enroll in
85 community or junior college courses under the dual enrollment
86 programs if they meet that individual institution's stated dual
87 enrollment admission requirements.

88 (5) **Tuition and cost responsibility.** Tuition and costs for
89 university-level courses and community and junior college courses
90 offered under a dual enrollment program may be paid for by the
91 postsecondary institution, the local school district, the parents
92 or legal guardians of the student, or by grants, foundations or
93 other private or public sources. Payment for tuition and any

94 other costs must be made directly to the credit-granting
95 institution.

96 (6) **Transportation responsibility.** Any transportation
97 required by a student to participate in the dual enrollment
98 program is the responsibility of the parent, custodian or legal
99 guardian of the student. Transportation costs may be paid from
100 any available public or private sources, including the local
101 school district.

102 (7) **School district average daily attendance credit.** When
103 dually enrolled, the student may be counted, for adequate
104 education program funding purposes, in the average daily
105 attendance of the public school district in which the student
106 attends high school.

107 (8) **High school student transcript transfer requirements.**
108 Grades and college credits earned by a student admitted to a dual
109 credit program must be recorded on the high school student record
110 and on the college transcript at the university or community or
111 junior college where the student attends classes. The transcript
112 of the university or community or junior college coursework may be
113 released to another institution or applied toward college
114 graduation requirements.

115 (9) **Determining factor of prerequisites for dual enrollment**
116 **courses.** Each university and community or junior college
117 participating in a dual enrollment program shall determine course
118 prerequisites. Course prerequisites shall be the same for dual

119 enrolled students as for regularly enrolled students at that
120 university or community or junior college.

121 (10) **Process for determining articulation of curriculum**
122 **between high school, university, and community and junior college**
123 **courses.** All dual credit courses must meet the standards
124 established at the postsecondary level. Postsecondary level
125 developmental courses may not be considered as meeting the
126 requirements of the dual credit program. Dual credit memorandum
127 of understandings must be established between each postsecondary
128 institution and the school district implementing a dual credit
129 program.

130 (11) [Deleted]

131 (12) **Eligible courses for dual credit programs.** Courses
132 eligible for dual credit include, but are not necessarily limited
133 to, foreign languages, advanced math courses, advanced science
134 courses, performing arts, advanced business and technology, and
135 career and technical courses. Distance Learning Collaborative
136 Program courses approved under Section 37-67-1 shall be fully
137 eligible for dual credit. All courses being considered for dual
138 credit must receive unconditional approval from the superintendent
139 of the local school district and the chief instructional officer
140 at the participating community or junior college or university in
141 order for college credit to be awarded. A university or community
142 or junior college shall make the final decision on what courses
143 are eligible for semester hour credits.

144 (13) **High school Carnegie unit equivalency.** One (1)
145 three-hour university or community or junior college course is
146 equal to one (1) high school Carnegie unit.

147 (14) **Course alignment.** The universities, community and
148 junior colleges and the State Department of Education shall
149 periodically review their respective policies and assess the place
150 of dual credit courses within the context of their traditional
151 offerings.

152 (15) **Maximum dual credits allowed.** It is the intent of the
153 dual enrollment program to make it possible for every eligible
154 student who desires to earn a semester's worth of college credit
155 in high school to do so. A qualified dually enrolled high school
156 student must be allowed to earn an unlimited number of college or
157 university credits for dual credit.

158 (16) **Dual credit program allowances.** A student may be
159 granted credit delivered through the following means:

160 (a) Examination preparation taught at a high school by
161 a qualified teacher. A student may receive credit at the
162 secondary level after completion of an approved course and passing
163 the standard examination, such as an Advanced Placement or
164 International Baccalaureate course through which a high school
165 student is allowed CLEP credit by making a three (3) or higher on
166 the end-of-course examination.

167 (b) College or university courses taught at a high
168 school or designated postsecondary site by a qualified teacher who

169 is an employee of the school district and approved as an
170 instructor by the collaborating college or university.

171 (c) College or university courses taught at a college,
172 university or high school by an instructor employed by the college
173 or university and approved by the collaborating school district.

174 (d) Online courses of any public university, community
175 or junior college in Mississippi.

176 (17) **Qualifications of dual credit instructors.** A dual
177 credit academic instructor must meet the requirements set forth by
178 the regional accrediting association (Southern Association of
179 College and Schools). University and community and junior college
180 personnel have the sole authority in the selection of dual credit
181 instructors.

182 A dual credit career and technical education instructor must
183 meet the requirements set forth by the Mississippi Community
184 College Board in the qualifications manual for postsecondary
185 career and technical personnel. Such instructor shall not be
186 required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree if he or she is
187 providing instruction in a nondegree certificate or associate
188 degree career and technical education program provided that he or
189 she satisfies all other alternative minimum requirements for such
190 positions.

191 (18) **Guidance on local agreements.** The Chief Academic
192 Officer of the State Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
193 Higher Learning and the Chief Instructional Officers of the
194 Mississippi Community College Board and the State Department of

195 Education, working collaboratively, shall develop a template to be
196 used by the individual community and junior colleges and
197 institutions of higher learning for consistent implementation of
198 the dual enrollment program throughout the State of Mississippi.

199 (19) **Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option.**

200 A local school board and the local community colleges board shall
201 establish a Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option
202 Program under which potential or recent student dropouts may
203 dually enroll in their home school and a local community college
204 in a dual credit program consisting of high school completion
205 coursework and a community college credential, certificate or
206 degree program. Students completing the dual enrollment-credit
207 option may obtain their high school diploma while obtaining a
208 community college credential, certificate or degree. The
209 Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall assist
210 students who have successfully completed the Mississippi Works
211 Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Option in securing a job upon the
212 application of the student or the participating school or
213 community college. The Mississippi Works Dual Enrollment-Dual
214 Credit Option Program will be implemented statewide in the
215 2012-2013 school year and thereafter. The State Board of
216 Education, local school board and the local community college
217 board shall establish criteria for the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit
218 Program. Students enrolled in the program will not be eligible to
219 participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular
220 activities at the home school district. Tuition and costs for

221 community college courses offered under the Dual Enrollment-Dual
222 Credit Program shall not be charged to the student, parents or
223 legal guardians. When dually enrolled, the student shall be
224 counted for adequate education program funding purposes, in the
225 average daily attendance of the public school district in which
226 the student attends high school, as provided in Section
227 37-151-7(1)(a). Any transportation required by the student to
228 participate in the Dual Enrollment-Dual Credit Program is the
229 responsibility of the parent or legal guardian of the student, and
230 transportation costs may be paid from any available public or
231 private sources, including the local school district. Grades and
232 college credits earned by a student admitted to this Dual
233 Enrollment-Dual Credit Program shall be recorded on the high
234 school student record and on the college transcript at the
235 community college and high school where the student attends
236 classes. The transcript of the community college coursework may
237 be released to another institution or applied toward college
238 graduation requirements. Any course that is required for subject
239 area testing as a requirement for graduation from a public school
240 in Mississippi is eligible for dual credit, and courses eligible
241 for dual credit shall also include career, technical and degree
242 program courses. All courses eligible for dual credit shall be
243 approved by the superintendent of the local school district and
244 the chief instructional officer at the participating community
245 college in order for college credit to be awarded. A community
246 college shall make the final decision on what courses are eligible

247 for semester hour credits and the local school superintendent,
248 subject to approval by the Mississippi Department of Education,
249 shall make the final decision on the transfer of college courses
250 credited to the student's high school transcript.

251 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-16-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
252 amended as follows:

253 37-16-17. (1) Purpose. (a) The purpose of this section is
254 to create a quality option in Mississippi's high schools for
255 students not wishing to pursue a baccalaureate degree, which shall
256 consist of challenging academic courses and modern
257 career-technical studies. The goal for students pursuing the
258 career track is to graduate from high school with a standard
259 diploma and credit toward a community college certification in a
260 career-technical field. These students also shall be encouraged
261 to take the national assessment in the career-technical field in
262 which they become certified.

263 (b) The State Board of Education shall develop and
264 adopt course and curriculum requirements for career track programs
265 offered by local public school boards in accordance with this
266 section. The Mississippi Community College Board and the State
267 Board of Education jointly shall determine course and curriculum
268 requirements for the career track program. The State Board of
269 Education shall provide notice to all incoming middle school
270 students and junior high students of the career track programs
271 offered by local school boards. Such notice shall include the
272 career track programs available, the course requirements of each

273 program, how to enroll in the program and any other necessary
274 information as determined by the State Board of Education.

275 (2) Alternative career track; description; curriculum. (a)
276 A career track shall provide a student with greater technical
277 skill and a strong academic core and shall be offered to each high
278 school student enrolled in a public school district. The career
279 track program shall be linked to postsecondary options and shall
280 prepare students to pursue either a degree or certification from a
281 postsecondary institution, an industry-based training or
282 certification, an apprenticeship, the military, or immediate
283 entrance into a career field. The career track shall be designed
284 primarily for those students who are not college bound and shall
285 provide them with alternatives to entrance into a four-year
286 university or college after high school graduation. All students
287 in the career and technical education track shall be required to
288 take the ACT WorkKeys Assessment.

289 (b) Students pursuing a career track shall be afforded
290 the opportunity to dually enroll in a community or technical
291 college or to participate in a business internship or work-study
292 program, when such opportunities are available and appropriate.

293 (c) Each public school district shall offer a career
294 track program approved by the State Board of Education.

295 (d) Students in a career track program shall complete
296 an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of
297 courses.

298 (e) The twenty-one (21) course unit requirements for
299 the career track shall consist of the following:

300 (i) At least four (4) English credits, including
301 English I * * *, English II, technical writing and computer
302 programming.

303 (ii) At least three (3) mathematics credits,
304 including one (1) unit of Algebra I, personal finance,
305 business/construction mathematics and computer science.

306 (iii) At least three (3) science credits,
307 including one (1) unit of biology and earth/environmental science.

308 (iv) At least three (3) social studies credits,
309 including one (1) unit of U.S. History and one (1) unit of
310 Mississippi Studies/U.S. Government.

311 (v) At least one-half (1/2) credit in
312 health * * *, physical education or soft skills, which include,
313 but are not limited to, social graces, communication abilities,
314 language skills, personal habits, cognitive or emotional empathy,
315 time management, teamwork and leadership traits.

316 (vi) At least four (4) credits in career and
317 technical education courses in the dual enrollment-dual credit
318 programs authorized under Section 37-15-38.

319 (vii) At least one (1) credit in integrated
320 technology with optional end of course testing.

321 (viii) At least two and one-half (2-1/2) credits
322 in additional electives or career and technical education courses
323 required by the local school board, as approved by the State Board

324 of Education. Academic courses within the career track of the
325 standard diploma shall provide the knowledge and skill necessary
326 for proficiency on the state subject area tests.

327 (f) The courses provided in paragraph (e) of this
328 subsection may be tailored to the individual needs of the school
329 district as long as the amendments align with the basic course
330 requirements of paragraph (e).

331 (3) Nothing in this section shall disallow the development
332 of a dual enrollment program with a technical college so long as
333 an individual school district, with approval from the State
334 Department of Education, agrees to implement such a program in
335 connection with a technical college and the agreement is also
336 approved by the proprietary school's commission.

337 (4) The career track program for students not pursuing a
338 Baccalaureate Degree shall not be available to any student
339 entering the Ninth Grade in the 2017-2018 school year or
340 thereafter.

341 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
342 amended as follows:

343 37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State
344 Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and
345 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
346 Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission
347 to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding
348 standards for the certification and licensure and continuing

349 professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an
350 educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

351 (2) (a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15)
352 qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be
353 composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from
354 each of the four (4) congressional districts, as such districts
355 existed on January 1, 2011, in accordance with the population
356 calculations determined by the 2010 federal decennial census,
357 including: four (4) classroom teachers; three (3) school
358 administrators; one (1) representative of schools of education of
359 public institutions of higher learning located within the state to
360 be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
361 Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the schools of
362 education of independent institutions of higher learning to be
363 recommended by the Board of the Mississippi Association of
364 Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from public community
365 and junior colleges located within the state to be recommended by
366 the Mississippi Community College Board; one (1) local school
367 board member; and four (4) laypersons. Three (3) members of the
368 commission, at the sole discretion of the State Board of
369 Education, shall be appointed from the state at large.

370 (b) All appointments shall be made by the State Board
371 of Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of
372 Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of
373 Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be
374 appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be

375 appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall
376 be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all
377 members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

378 (3) The State Board of Education when making appointments
379 shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least
380 once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the
381 commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as
382 authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and
383 necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

384 (4) (a) An appropriate staff member of the State Department
385 of Education shall be designated and assigned by the State
386 Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary
387 and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other
388 appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education
389 shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of
390 Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

391 (b) An Office of Educator Misconduct Evaluations shall
392 be established within the State Department of Education to assist
393 the commission in responding to infractions and violations, and in
394 conducting hearings and enforcing the provisions of subsections
395 (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15) of this section, and violations of
396 the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics.

397 (5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

398 (a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval
399 of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation
400 programs in the state;

401 (b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year
402 approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in
403 the state, subject to a process and schedule determined by the
404 State Board of Education;

405 (c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
406 Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification
407 and licensure in all fields;

408 (d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
409 Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses
410 in all fields;

411 (e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher
412 performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the
413 licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

414 (f) Review all existing requirements for certification
415 and licensure;

416 (g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by
417 the commission's decisions;

418 (h) Prepare reports from time to time on current
419 practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and
420 certification and licensure;

421 (i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers'
422 and administrators' education and certification and licensure with
423 approval of the State Board of Education;

424 (j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State
425 Board of Education;

426 (k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific
427 areas; and

428 (l) Perform such other functions as may fall within
429 their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the
430 State Board of Education.

431 (6) (a) **Standard License - Approved Program Route.** An
432 educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first
433 time and meeting all requirements as established by the State
434 Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license.
435 Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an
436 assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an
437 accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill
438 student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified
439 participating teacher approved by an accredited college of
440 education. The local school district in which the assistant
441 teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at
442 the required salary level during the period of time such
443 individual is completing student teaching requirements.

444 Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

445 (i) An application on a department form;

446 (ii) An official transcript of completion of a
447 teacher education program approved by the department or a
448 nationally accredited program, subject to the following:

449 Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through
450 kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher
451 education program or a Bachelor of Science degree with child

452 development emphasis from a program accredited by the American
453 Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the
454 National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by
455 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
456 (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for
457 those applicants who have completed a teacher education program,
458 and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an
459 interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4
460 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary
461 program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration.
462 Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall
463 require a major in an academic field other than education, or a
464 combination of disciplines other than education. Students
465 preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the
466 respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard
467 licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation
468 in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by
469 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
470 (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher
471 Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who
472 have a Bachelor of Science degree with child development emphasis,
473 the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).
474 Effective July 1, 2016, for initial elementary education
475 licensure, a teacher candidate must earn a passing score on a
476 rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction

477 and intervention and data-based decision-making principles as
478 approved by the State Board of Education;

479 (iii) A copy of test scores evidencing
480 satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of
481 achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher
482 testing examinations;

483 (iv) Any other document required by the State
484 Board of Education; and

485 (v) From and after September 30, 2015, no teacher
486 candidate shall be licensed to teach in Mississippi who did not
487 meet the following criteria for entrance into an approved teacher
488 education program:

489 1. Twenty-one (21) ACT equivalent or achieve
490 the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core
491 Academic Skills for Educators examination; and

492 2. No less than 2.75 GPA on pre-major
493 coursework of the institution's approved teacher education program
494 provided that the accepted cohort of candidates meets or exceeds a
495 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework.

496 (b) **Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route.**

497 From and after September 30, 2015, no teacher candidate shall be
498 licensed to teach in Mississippi under the alternate route who did
499 not meet the following criteria:

500 (i) Twenty-one (21) ACT equivalent or achieve the
501 nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core Academic
502 Skills for Educators examination; and

503 (ii) No less than 2.75 GPA on content coursework
504 in the requested area of certification or passing Praxis II scores
505 at or above the national recommended score provided that the
506 accepted cohort of candidates of the institution's teacher
507 education program meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major
508 coursework.

509 Beginning January 1, 2004, an individual who has a passing
510 score on the Praxis I Basic Skills and Praxis II Specialty Area
511 Test in the requested area of endorsement may apply for the Teach
512 Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7
513 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this
514 paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
515 requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the
516 Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of
517 nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with
518 the provisions of this paragraph.

519 (i) The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall
520 include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program
521 or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the
522 fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited
523 to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies,
524 classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and
525 instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test
526 results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour
527 supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is
528 employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district.

529 The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with
530 courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state,
531 with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3)
532 Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

533 (ii) The school sponsoring the teacher intern
534 shall enter into a written agreement with the institution
535 providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under
536 terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties,
537 providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns
538 seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a
539 one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall
540 successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive
541 internship in the school district during the semester immediately
542 following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of
543 the one-year classroom teaching experience.

544 (iii) Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour
545 TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall
546 submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure
547 of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a
548 provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow
549 the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person
550 completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

551 (iv) During the semester of internship in the
552 school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor
553 the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that
554 employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional

555 teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a
556 nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation
557 with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of
558 employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of
559 the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration
560 of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive
561 evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's
562 performance fails to meet the standards of the approved
563 nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the
564 individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

565 (v) An individual issued a provisional teaching
566 license under this nontraditional route shall successfully
567 complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and
568 induction program administered by the employing school district
569 with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

570 (vi) Upon successful completion of the TMI and the
571 internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard
572 License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a
573 transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester
574 hours required in the internship program, and the employing school
575 district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for
576 standard licensure of the intern. If the school district
577 recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard
578 License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a
579 five-year period and be renewable.

580 (vii) At the discretion of the teacher preparation
581 institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve
582 (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher
583 internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master
584 of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

585 (viii) The local school district in which the
586 nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed
587 shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required
588 salary level during the period of time such individual is
589 completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate
590 such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of
591 the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

592 Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this
593 paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds
594 appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature.
595 Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to
596 prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and
597 implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure
598 programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency
599 certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall
600 remain in effect.

601 A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued
602 for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching
603 as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons
604 holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard

605 License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any
606 other license.

607 (c) **Special License - Expert Citizen.** In order to
608 allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses,
609 the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and
610 regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant
611 a one-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or
612 other professional personnel to teach in a public school or
613 nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person
614 shall not be required to hold an associate or bachelor's degree,
615 provided that he or she possesses the minimum qualifications
616 required for his or her profession, and may begin teaching upon
617 his employment by the local school board and licensure by the
618 Mississippi Department of Education. The board shall adopt rules
619 and regulations to administer the expert citizen-teacher license.
620 A Special License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance
621 with the established rules and regulations of the State Department
622 of Education.

623 (d) **Special License - Nonrenewable.** The State Board of
624 Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to
625 allow those educators not meeting requirements in paragraph (a),
626 (b) or (c) of this subsection (6) to be licensed for a period of
627 not more than three (3) years, except by special approval of the
628 State Board of Education.

629 (e) **Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel.** A nonlicensed
630 person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching

631 day in a public school district or a nonpublic school
632 accredited/approved by the state. Such person shall submit to the
633 department a transcript or record of his education and experience
634 which substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught
635 and shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission
636 and approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall
637 any local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized
638 under this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total
639 number of licensed personnel in any single school.

640 (f) **Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education.**
641 Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special
642 licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who
643 possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section.
644 Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated
645 by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the
646 regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed
647 under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses
648 to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the
649 commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a
650 speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in
651 which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in
652 English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii)
653 possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher
654 education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv)
655 meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours
656 therein, experience and training as may be required by the

657 commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and
658 possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of
659 transitional bilingual education serving under a special license
660 shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves
661 the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service
662 by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an
663 exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard
664 Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to
665 prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in
666 an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of
667 Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual
668 education.

669 (g) In the event any school district meets the highest
670 accreditation standards as defined by the State Board of Education
671 in the accountability system, the State Board of Education, in its
672 discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions
673 in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed
674 teaching personnel.

675 (h) **Highly Qualified Teachers.** Beginning July 1, 2006,
676 any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of
677 highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act,
678 must be granted a standard five-year license by the State
679 Department of Education.

680 (7) **Administrator License.** The State Board of Education is
681 authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer
682 the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of

683 Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator
684 licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the
685 State Board of Education.

686 (a) **Administrator License - Nonpracticing.** Those
687 educators holding administrative endorsement but having no
688 administrative experience or not serving in an administrative
689 position on January 15, 1997.

690 (b) **Administrator License - Entry Level.** Those
691 educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the
692 department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a
693 Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level
694 shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

695 (c) **Standard Administrator License - Career Level.** An
696 administrator who has met all the requirements of the department
697 for standard administrator licensure.

698 (d) **Administrator License - Nontraditional Route.** The
699 board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing
700 administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for
701 administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding,
702 but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a
703 master of public administration degree, a master of public
704 planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree
705 from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of
706 administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion
707 of the requirements of alternate route licensure for

708 administrators shall qualify the person for a standard
709 administrator license.

710 Individuals seeking school administrator licensure under
711 paragraph (b), (c) or (d) shall successfully complete a training
712 program and an assessment process prescribed by the State Board of
713 Education. All applicants for school administrator licensure
714 shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under
715 paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process
716 required shall be paid by the applicant.

717 (8) **Reciprocity.** (a) The department shall grant a standard
718 license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license
719 from another state and meets minimum Mississippi license
720 requirements or equivalent requirements as determined by the State
721 Board of Education. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a
722 military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to
723 the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

724 (b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special
725 license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less
726 than a standard license or certification from another state. Such
727 special license shall be valid for the current school year plus
728 one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second
729 year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months,
730 during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the
731 requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

732 (9) **Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses.** The State Board
733 of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for

734 the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator
735 licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held
736 by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the
737 expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator
738 adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established
739 pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of
740 education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in
741 May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a
742 higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus
743 five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

744 (10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation,
745 suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an
746 educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a
747 hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee
748 established by the commission and composed of commission members,
749 or by a hearing officer retained and appointed by the commission,
750 for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the
751 denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be
752 by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission on Teacher and
753 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
754 Development. The decision thereon by the commission, its
755 subcommittee or hearing officer, shall be final, unless the
756 aggrieved party shall appeal to the State Board of Education,
757 within ten (10) days, of the decision of the commission, its
758 subcommittee or hearing officer. An appeal to the State Board of
759 Education shall be perfected upon filing a notice of the appeal

760 and by the prepayment of the costs of the preparation of the
761 record of proceedings by the commission, its subcommittee or
762 hearing officer. An appeal shall be on the record previously made
763 before the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer, unless
764 otherwise provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board.
765 The decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing
766 officer shall not be disturbed on appeal if supported by
767 substantial evidence, was not arbitrary or capricious, within the
768 authority of the commission, and did not violate some statutory or
769 constitutional right. The State Board of Education in its
770 authority may reverse, or remand with instructions, the decision
771 of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer. The
772 decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

773 (11) (a) The State Board of Education, acting through the
774 commission, may deny an application for any teacher or
775 administrator license for one or more of the following:

776 (i) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by
777 law or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

778 (ii) The applicant has a physical, emotional or
779 mental disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the
780 duties authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed
781 psychologist or psychiatrist;

782 (iii) The applicant is actively addicted to or
783 actively dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a
784 habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines,

785 hallucinogens or other drugs having similar effect, at the time of
786 application for a license;

787 (iv) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in
788 securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

789 (v) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable
790 evidence of identification;

791 (vi) The applicant has been convicted, has pled
792 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as
793 defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this
794 subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph (a), a "guilty plea" includes
795 a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or entry of
796 an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

797 (vii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or
798 post-release supervision for a felony or conviction, as defined by
799 federal or state law. However, this disqualification expires upon
800 the end of the probationary or post-release supervision period.

801 (b) The State Board of Education, acting through the
802 commission, shall deny an application for any teacher or
803 administrator license, or immediately revoke the current teacher
804 or administrator license, for one or more of the following:

805 (i) If the applicant or licensee has been
806 convicted, has pled guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to
807 a sex offense as defined by federal or state law. For purposes of
808 this subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b), a "guilty plea"
809 includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo contendere, or
810 entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial diversion;

811 (ii) The applicant or licensee is on probation or
812 post-release supervision for a sex offense conviction, as defined
813 by federal or state law;

814 (iii) The license holder has fondled a student as
815 described in Section 97-5-23, or had any type of sexual
816 involvement with a student as described in Section 97-3-95; or

817 (iv) The license holder has failed to report
818 sexual involvement of a school employee with a student as required
819 by Section 97-5-24.

820 (12) The State Board of Education, acting through the
821 commission, may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any teacher or
822 administrator license for specified periods of time or may place
823 on probation, reprimand a licensee, or take other disciplinary
824 action with regard to any license issued under this chapter for
825 one or more of the following:

826 (a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may
827 result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as
828 provided in Section 37-9-57;

829 (b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall
830 result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one
831 (1) year after correction is made;

832 (c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or
833 license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or
834 revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state
835 have been cleared;

836 (d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
837 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as
838 defined by federal or state law. For purposes of this paragraph,
839 a "guilty plea" includes a plea of guilty, entry of a plea of nolo
840 contendere, or entry of an order granting pretrial or judicial
841 diversion;

842 (e) The license holder knowingly and willfully
843 committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform
844 test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1);

845 (f) The license holder has engaged in unethical conduct
846 relating to an educator/student relationship as identified by the
847 State Board of Education in its rules;

848 (g) The license holder served as superintendent or
849 principal in a school district during the time preceding and/or
850 that resulted in the Governor declaring a state of emergency and
851 the State Board of Education appointing a conservator;

852 (h) The license holder submitted a false certification
853 to the State Department of Education that a statewide test was
854 administered in strict accordance with the Requirements of the
855 Mississippi Statewide Assessment System; or

856 (i) The license holder has failed to comply with the
857 Procedures for Reporting Infractions as promulgated by the
858 commission and approved by the State Board of Education pursuant
859 to subsection (15) of this section.

860 For purposes of this subsection, probation shall be defined
861 as a length of time determined by the commission, its subcommittee

862 or hearing officer, and based on the severity of the offense in
863 which the license holder shall meet certain requirements as
864 prescribed by the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer.
865 Failure to complete the requirements in the time specified shall
866 result in immediate suspension of the license for one (1) year.

867 (13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by
868 a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the
869 suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which
870 shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity
871 of the offense.

872 (b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
873 state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or
874 attempted in this state.

875 (c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The
876 surrender of such license may result in the commission
877 recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a
878 hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been
879 surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a
880 majority vote of all members of the commission present at the
881 meeting called for such purpose.

882 (14) (a) A person whose license has been suspended or
883 surrendered on any grounds except criminal grounds may petition
884 for reinstatement of the license after one (1) year from the date
885 of suspension or surrender, or after one-half (1/2) of the
886 suspended or surrendered time has lapsed, whichever is greater. A
887 person whose license has been suspended or revoked on any grounds

888 or violations under subsection (12) of this section may be
889 reinstated automatically or approved for a reinstatement hearing,
890 upon submission of a written request to the commission. A license
891 suspended, revoked or surrendered on criminal grounds may be
892 reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration
893 of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon
894 conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered license may be
895 reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of
896 rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for
897 reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission
898 of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and
899 such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to
900 establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform
901 the duties authorized by the license.

902 (b) A person whose license expires while under
903 investigation by the Office of Educator Misconduct for an alleged
904 violation may not be reinstated without a hearing before the
905 commission if required based on the results of the investigation.

906 (15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing
907 with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the
908 commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of
909 Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be
910 effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or
911 revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the
912 superintendent of the school district or school board where the
913 teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action

914 and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or
915 suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State
916 Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any
917 decision of the commission, its subcommittee or hearing officer
918 regarding a petition for reinstatement of a license, and any such
919 decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

920 (16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of
921 Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a
922 license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions
923 of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First
924 Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on the record
925 made, including a verbatim transcript of the testimony at the
926 hearing. The appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days after
927 notification of the action of the board is mailed or served and
928 the proceedings in chancery court shall be conducted as other
929 matters coming before the court. The appeal shall be perfected
930 upon filing notice of the appeal and by the prepayment of all
931 costs, including the cost of preparation of the record of the
932 proceedings by the State Board of Education, and the filing of a
933 bond in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that
934 if the action of the board be affirmed by the chancery court, the
935 applicant or license holder shall pay the costs of the appeal and
936 the action of the chancery court.

937 (17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and
938 criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become

939 effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as
940 designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

941 (18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a
942 property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school
943 district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility
944 for teaching in the public school districts of Mississippi. This
945 section shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local
946 school districts to require greater qualifications or standards of
947 performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment
948 in such districts.

949 (19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections
950 (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to
951 suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance
952 with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The
953 procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance
954 with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or
955 reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the
956 payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a
957 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section
958 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the
959 board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157
960 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken
961 under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is
962 required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in
963 accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section
964 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the

965 procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict
966 between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any
967 provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or
968 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

969 **SECTION 5.** Section 37-16-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
970 amended as follows:

971 37-16-3. (1) The State Department of Education is directed
972 to implement a program of statewide assessment testing which shall
973 provide for the improvement of the operation and management of the
974 public schools. The statewide program shall be timed, as far as
975 possible, so as not to conflict with ongoing district assessment
976 programs. As part of the program, the department shall:

977 (a) Establish, with the approval of the State Board of
978 Education, minimum performance standards related to the goals for
979 education contained in the state's plan including, but not limited
980 to, basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum
981 performance standards shall be approved by April 1 in each year
982 they are established.

983 (b) Conduct a uniform statewide testing program in
984 grades deemed appropriate in the public schools, including charter
985 schools, which shall provide for the administration of the ACT
986 WorkKeys Assessment to all public and charter school students in
987 the career and technical education track. The program may test
988 skill areas, basic skills and high school course content.

989 (c) Monitor the results of the assessment program and,
990 at any time the composite student performance of a school or basic

991 program is found to be below the established minimum standards,
992 notify the district superintendent or the governing board of the
993 charter school, as the case may be, the school principal and the
994 school advisory committee or other existing parent group of the
995 situation within thirty (30) days of its determination. The
996 department shall further provide technical assistance to a school
997 district in the identification of the causes of this deficiency
998 and shall recommend courses of action for its correction.

999 (d) Provide technical assistance to the school
1000 districts, when requested, in the development of student
1001 performance standards in addition to the established minimum
1002 statewide standards.

1003 (e) Issue security procedure regulations providing for
1004 the security and integrity of the tests that are administered
1005 under the basic skills assessment program.

1006 (f) In case of an allegation of a testing irregularity
1007 that prompts a need for an investigation by the Department of
1008 Education, the department may, in its discretion, take complete
1009 control of the statewide test administration in a school district
1010 or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, obtaining
1011 control of the test booklets and answer documents. In the case of
1012 any verified testing irregularity that jeopardized the security
1013 and integrity of the test(s), validity or the accuracy of the test
1014 results, the cost of the investigation and any other actual and
1015 necessary costs related to the investigation paid by the
1016 Department of Education shall be reimbursed by the local school

1017 district from funds other than federal funds, Mississippi Adequate
1018 Education Program funds, or any other state funds within six (6)
1019 months from the date of notice by the department to the school
1020 district to make reimbursement to the department.

1021 (2) Uniform basic skills tests shall be completed by each
1022 student in the appropriate grade. These tests shall be
1023 administered in such a manner as to preserve the integrity and
1024 validity of the assessment. In the event of excused or unexcused
1025 student absences, make-up tests shall be given. The school
1026 superintendent of every school district in the state and the
1027 principal of each charter school shall annually certify to the
1028 State Department of Education that each student enrolled in the
1029 appropriate grade has completed the required basic skills
1030 assessment test for his or her grade in a valid test
1031 administration.

1032 (3) Within five (5) days of completing the administration of
1033 a statewide test, the principal of the school where the test was
1034 administered shall certify under oath to the State Department of
1035 Education that the statewide test was administered in strict
1036 accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide
1037 Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education. The
1038 principal's sworn certification shall be set forth on a form
1039 developed and approved by the Department of Education. If,
1040 following the administration of a statewide test, the principal
1041 has reason to believe that the test was not administered in strict
1042 accordance with the Requirements of the Mississippi Statewide

1043 Assessment System as adopted by the State Board of Education, the
1044 principal shall submit a sworn certification to the Department of
1045 Education setting forth all information known or believed by the
1046 principal about all potential violations of the Requirements of
1047 the Mississippi Statewide Assessment System as adopted by the
1048 State Board of Education. The submission of false information or
1049 false certification to the Department of Education by any licensed
1050 educator may result in licensure disciplinary action pursuant to
1051 Section 37-3-2 and criminal prosecution pursuant to Section
1052 37-16-4.

1053 **SECTION 6.** Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1054 amended as follows:

1055 37-17-6. (1) The State Board of Education, acting through
1056 the Commission on School Accreditation, shall establish and
1057 implement a permanent performance-based accreditation system, and
1058 all noncharter public elementary and secondary schools shall be
1059 accredited under this system.

1060 (2) No later than June 30, 1995, the State Board of
1061 Education, acting through the Commission on School Accreditation,
1062 shall require school districts to provide school classroom space
1063 that is air-conditioned as a minimum requirement for
1064 accreditation.

1065 (3) (a) Beginning with the 1994-1995 school year, the State
1066 Board of Education, acting through the Commission on School
1067 Accreditation, shall require that school districts employ
1068 certified school librarians according to the following formula:

1069	Number of Students	Number of Certified
1070	Per School Library	School Librarians
1071	0 - 499 Students	1/2 Full-time Equivalent
1072		Certified Librarian
1073	500 or More Students	1 Full-time Certified
1074		Librarian

1075 (b) The State Board of Education, however, may increase
1076 the number of positions beyond the above requirements.

1077 (c) The assignment of certified school librarians to
1078 the particular schools shall be at the discretion of the local
1079 school district. No individual shall be employed as a certified
1080 school librarian without appropriate training and certification as
1081 a school librarian by the State Department of Education.

1082 (d) School librarians in the district shall spend at
1083 least fifty percent (50%) of direct work time in a school library
1084 and shall devote no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the workday to
1085 administrative activities that are library related.

1086 (e) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any
1087 school district from employing more certified school librarians
1088 than are provided for in this section.

1089 (f) Any additional millage levied to fund school
1090 librarians required for accreditation under this subsection shall
1091 be included in the tax increase limitation set forth in Sections
1092 37-57-105 and 37-57-107 and shall not be deemed a new program for
1093 purposes of the limitation.

1094 (4) On or before December 31, 2002, the State Board of
1095 Education shall implement the performance-based accreditation
1096 system for school districts and for individual noncharter public
1097 schools which shall include the following:

1098 (a) High expectations for students and high standards
1099 for all schools, with a focus on the basic curriculum;

1100 (b) Strong accountability for results with appropriate
1101 local flexibility for local implementation;

1102 (c) A process to implement accountability at both the
1103 school district level and the school level;

1104 (d) Individual schools shall be held accountable for
1105 student growth and performance;

1106 (e) Set annual performance standards for each of the
1107 schools of the state and measure the performance of each school
1108 against itself through the standard that has been set for it;

1109 (f) A determination of which schools exceed their
1110 standards and a plan for providing recognition and rewards to
1111 those schools;

1112 (g) A determination of which schools are failing to
1113 meet their standards and a determination of the appropriate role
1114 of the State Board of Education and the State Department of
1115 Education in providing assistance and initiating possible
1116 intervention. A failing district is a district that fails to meet
1117 both the absolute student achievement standards and the rate of
1118 annual growth expectation standards as set by the State Board of
1119 Education for two (2) consecutive years. The State Board of

1120 Education shall establish the level of benchmarks by which
1121 absolute student achievement and growth expectations shall be
1122 assessed. In setting the benchmarks for school districts, the
1123 State Board of Education may also take into account such factors
1124 as graduation rates, dropout rates, completion rates, the extent
1125 to which the school or district employs qualified teachers in
1126 every classroom, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the
1127 State Board of Education. The State Board of Education, acting
1128 through the State Department of Education, shall apply a simple
1129 "A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" designation to the current school and
1130 school district statewide accountability performance
1131 classification labels beginning with the State Accountability
1132 Results for the 2011-2012 school year and following, and in the
1133 school, district and state report cards required under state and
1134 federal law. Under the new designations, a school or school
1135 district that has earned a "Star" rating shall be designated an
1136 "A" school or school district; a school or school district that
1137 has earned a "High-Performing" rating shall be designated a "B"
1138 school or school district; a school or school district that has
1139 earned a "Successful" rating shall be designated a "C" school or
1140 school district; a school or school district that has earned an
1141 "Academic Watch" rating shall be designated a "D" school or school
1142 district; a school or school district that has earned a
1143 "Low-Performing," "At-Risk of Failing" or "Failing" rating shall
1144 be designated an "F" school or school district. Effective with
1145 the implementation of any new curriculum and assessment standards,

1146 the State Board of Education, acting through the State Department
1147 of Education, is further authorized and directed to change the
1148 school and school district accreditation rating system to a simple
1149 "A," "B," "C," "D," and "F" designation based on a combination of
1150 student achievement scores and student growth as measured by the
1151 statewide testing programs developed by the State Board of
1152 Education pursuant to Chapter 16, Title 37, Mississippi Code of
1153 1972. In any statute or regulation containing the former
1154 accreditation designations, the new designations shall be
1155 applicable;

1156 (h) Development of a comprehensive student assessment
1157 system to implement these requirements; and

1158 (i) The State Board of Education may, based on a
1159 written request that contains specific reasons for requesting a
1160 waiver from the school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina of
1161 2005, hold harmless school districts from assignment of district
1162 and school level accountability ratings for the 2005-2006 school
1163 year. The State Board of Education upon finding an extreme
1164 hardship in the school district may grant the request. It is the
1165 intent of the Legislature that all school districts maintain the
1166 highest possible academic standards and instructional programs in
1167 all schools as required by law and the State Board of Education.

1168 (5) (a) Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, the State
1169 Department of Education, acting through the Mississippi Commission
1170 on School Accreditation, shall revise and implement a single "A"
1171 through "F" school and school district accountability system

1172 complying with applicable federal and state requirements in order
1173 to reach the following educational goals:

1174 (i) To mobilize resources and supplies to ensure
1175 that all students exit third grade reading on grade level by 2015;

1176 (ii) To reduce the student dropout rate to
1177 thirteen percent (13%) by 2015; and

1178 (iii) To have sixty percent (60%) of students
1179 scoring proficient and advanced on the assessments of the Common
1180 Core State Standards by 2016 with incremental increases of three
1181 percent (3%) each year thereafter.

1182 (b) The State Department of Education shall combine the
1183 state school and school district accountability system with the
1184 federal system in order to have a single system.

1185 (c) The State Department of Education shall establish
1186 five (5) performance categories ("A," "B," "C," "D" and "F") for
1187 the accountability system based on the following criteria:

1188 (i) Student Achievement: the percent of students
1189 proficient and advanced on the current state assessments;

1190 (ii) Individual student growth: the percent of
1191 students making one (1) year's progress in one (1) year's time on
1192 the state assessment, with an emphasis on the progress of the
1193 lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students in the school or
1194 district;

1195 (iii) Four-year graduation rate: the percent of
1196 students graduating with a standard high school diploma in four
1197 (4) years, as defined by federal regulations;

1198 (iv) Categories shall identify schools as Reward
1199 ("A" schools), Focus ("D" schools) and Priority ("F" schools). If
1200 at least five percent (5%) of schools in the state are not graded
1201 as "F" schools, the lowest five percent (5%) of school grade point
1202 designees will be identified as Priority schools. If at least ten
1203 percent (10%) of schools in the state are not graded as "D"
1204 schools, the lowest ten percent (10%) of school grade point
1205 designees will be identified as Focus schools;

1206 (v) The State Department of Education shall
1207 discontinue the use of Star School, High-Performing, Successful,
1208 Academic Watch, Low-Performing, At-Risk of Failing and Failing
1209 school accountability designations;

1210 (vi) The system shall include the federally
1211 compliant four-year graduation rate in school and school district
1212 accountability system calculations. Graduation rate will apply to
1213 high school and school district accountability ratings as a
1214 compensatory component. The system shall discontinue the use of
1215 the High School Completer Index (HSCI);

1216 (vii) The school and school district
1217 accountability system shall incorporate a standards-based growth
1218 model, in order to support improvement of individual student
1219 learning;

1220 (viii) The State Department of Education shall
1221 discontinue the use of the Quality Distribution Index (QDI);

1222 (ix) The State Department of Education shall
1223 determine feeder patterns of schools that do not earn a school

1224 grade because the grades and subjects taught at the school do not
1225 have statewide standardized assessments needed to calculate a
1226 school grade. Upon determination of the feeder pattern, the
1227 department shall notify schools and school districts prior to the
1228 release of the school grades beginning in 2013. Feeder schools
1229 will be assigned the accountability designation of the school to
1230 which they provide students;

1231 (x) Standards for student, school and school
1232 district performance will be increased when student proficiency is
1233 at a seventy-five percent (75%) and/or when sixty-five percent
1234 (65%) of the schools and/or school districts are earning a grade
1235 of "B" or higher, in order to raise the standard on performance
1236 after targets are met * * *; and

1237 (xi) The system shall include student performance
1238 on the administration of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment, which shall
1239 be weighted in the same percentage as the standard ACT Assessment
1240 as administered to students in Grade 11, for inclusion in the
1241 college and career readiness portion of the accountability rating
1242 system. To ensure equitable distribution of points under the
1243 accountability rating, in comparison to the ACT Assessment, a
1244 Silver Status on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment shall be equivalent
1245 to an ACT composite score of 22 to 25.

1246 (6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require a
1247 nonpublic school that receives no local, state or federal funds
1248 for support to become accredited by the State Board of Education.

1249 (7) The State Board of Education shall create an
1250 accreditation audit unit under the Commission on School
1251 Accreditation to determine whether schools are complying with
1252 accreditation standards.

1253 (8) The State Board of Education shall be specifically
1254 authorized and empowered to withhold adequate education program
1255 fund allocations, whichever is applicable, to any public school
1256 district for failure to timely report student, school personnel
1257 and fiscal data necessary to meet state and/or federal
1258 requirements.

1259 (9) [Deleted]

1260 (10) The State Board of Education shall establish, for those
1261 school districts failing to meet accreditation standards, a
1262 program of development to be complied with in order to receive
1263 state funds, except as otherwise provided in subsection (15) of
1264 this section when the Governor has declared a state of emergency
1265 in a school district or as otherwise provided in Section 206,
1266 Mississippi Constitution of 1890. The state board, in
1267 establishing these standards, shall provide for notice to schools
1268 and sufficient time and aid to enable schools to attempt to meet
1269 these standards, unless procedures under subsection (15) of this
1270 section have been invoked.

1271 (11) Beginning July 1, 1998, the State Board of Education
1272 shall be charged with the implementation of the program of
1273 development in each applicable school district as follows:

1274 (a) Develop an impairment report for each district
1275 failing to meet accreditation standards in conjunction with school
1276 district officials;

1277 (b) Notify any applicable school district failing to
1278 meet accreditation standards that it is on probation until
1279 corrective actions are taken or until the deficiencies have been
1280 removed. The local school district shall develop a corrective
1281 action plan to improve its deficiencies. For district academic
1282 deficiencies, the corrective action plan for each such school
1283 district shall be based upon a complete analysis of the following:
1284 student test data, student grades, student attendance reports,
1285 student dropout data, existence and other relevant data. The
1286 corrective action plan shall describe the specific measures to be
1287 taken by the particular school district and school to improve:
1288 (i) instruction; (ii) curriculum; (iii) professional development;
1289 (iv) personnel and classroom organization; (v) student incentives
1290 for performance; (vi) process deficiencies; and (vii) reporting to
1291 the local school board, parents and the community. The corrective
1292 action plan shall describe the specific individuals responsible
1293 for implementing each component of the recommendation and how each
1294 will be evaluated. All corrective action plans shall be provided
1295 to the State Board of Education as may be required. The decision
1296 of the State Board of Education establishing the probationary
1297 period of time shall be final;

1298 (c) Offer, during the probationary period, technical
1299 assistance to the school district in making corrective actions.

1300 Beginning July 1, 1998, subject to the availability of funds, the
1301 State Department of Education shall provide technical and/or
1302 financial assistance to all such school districts in order to
1303 implement each measure identified in that district's corrective
1304 action plan through professional development and on-site
1305 assistance. Each such school district shall apply for and utilize
1306 all available federal funding in order to support its corrective
1307 action plan in addition to state funds made available under this
1308 paragraph;

1309 (d) Assign department personnel or contract, in its
1310 discretion, with the institutions of higher learning or other
1311 appropriate private entities with experience in the academic,
1312 finance and other operational functions of schools to assist
1313 school districts;

1314 (e) Provide for publication of public notice at least
1315 one time during the probationary period, in a newspaper published
1316 within the jurisdiction of the school district failing to meet
1317 accreditation standards, or if no newspaper is published therein,
1318 then in a newspaper having a general circulation therein. The
1319 publication shall include the following: declaration of school
1320 system's status as being on probation; all details relating to the
1321 impairment report; and other information as the State Board of
1322 Education deems appropriate. Public notices issued under this
1323 section shall be subject to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to
1324 other laws regarding newspaper publication.

1325 (12) (a) If the recommendations for corrective action are
1326 not taken by the local school district or if the deficiencies are
1327 not removed by the end of the probationary period, the Commission
1328 on School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the
1329 affected school district to present evidence or other reasons why
1330 its accreditation should not be withdrawn. Additionally, if the
1331 local school district violates accreditation standards that have
1332 been determined by the policies and procedures of the State Board
1333 of Education to be a basis for withdrawal of school district's
1334 accreditation without a probationary period, the Commission on
1335 School Accreditation shall conduct a hearing to allow the affected
1336 school district to present evidence or other reasons why its
1337 accreditation should not be withdrawn. After its consideration of
1338 the results of the hearing, the Commission on School Accreditation
1339 shall be authorized, with the approval of the State Board of
1340 Education, to withdraw the accreditation of a public school
1341 district, and issue a request to the Governor that a state of
1342 emergency be declared in that district.

1343 (b) If the State Board of Education and the Commission
1344 on School Accreditation determine that an extreme emergency
1345 situation exists in a school district that jeopardizes the safety,
1346 security or educational interests of the children enrolled in the
1347 schools in that district and that emergency situation is believed
1348 to be related to a serious violation or violations of
1349 accreditation standards or state or federal law, or when a school
1350 district meets the State Board of Education's definition of a

1351 failing school district for two (2) consecutive full school years,
1352 or if more than fifty percent (50%) of the schools within the
1353 school district are designated as Schools At-Risk in any one (1)
1354 year, the State Board of Education may request the Governor to
1355 declare a state of emergency in that school district. For
1356 purposes of this paragraph, the declarations of a state of
1357 emergency shall not be limited to those instances when a school
1358 district's impairments are related to a lack of financial
1359 resources, but also shall include serious failure to meet minimum
1360 academic standards, as evidenced by a continued pattern of poor
1361 student performance.

1362 (c) Whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency
1363 in a school district in response to a request made under paragraph
1364 (a) or (b) of this subsection, the State Board of Education may
1365 take one or more of the following actions:

1366 (i) Declare a state of emergency, under which some
1367 or all of state funds can be escrowed except as otherwise provided
1368 in Section 206, Constitution of 1890, until the board determines
1369 corrective actions are being taken or the deficiencies have been
1370 removed, or that the needs of students warrant the release of
1371 funds. The funds may be released from escrow for any program
1372 which the board determines to have been restored to standard even
1373 though the state of emergency may not as yet be terminated for the
1374 district as a whole;

1375 (ii) Override any decision of the local school
1376 board or superintendent of education, or both, concerning the

1377 management and operation of the school district, or initiate and
1378 make decisions concerning the management and operation of the
1379 school district;

1380 (iii) Assign an interim superintendent, or in its
1381 discretion, contract with a private entity with experience in the
1382 academic, finance and other operational functions of schools and
1383 school districts, who will have those powers and duties prescribed
1384 in subsection (15) of this section;

1385 (iv) Grant transfers to students who attend this
1386 school district so that they may attend other accredited schools
1387 or districts in a manner that is not in violation of state or
1388 federal law;

1389 (v) For states of emergency declared under
1390 paragraph (a) only, if the accreditation deficiencies are related
1391 to the fact that the school district is too small, with too few
1392 resources, to meet the required standards and if another school
1393 district is willing to accept those students, abolish that
1394 district and assign that territory to another school district or
1395 districts. If the school district has proposed a voluntary
1396 consolidation with another school district or districts, then if
1397 the State Board of Education finds that it is in the best interest
1398 of the pupils of the district for the consolidation to proceed,
1399 the voluntary consolidation shall have priority over any such
1400 assignment of territory by the State Board of Education;

1401 (vi) For states of emergency declared under
1402 paragraph (b) only, reduce local supplements paid to school

1403 district employees, including, but not limited to, instructional
1404 personnel, assistant teachers and extracurricular activities
1405 personnel, if the district's impairment is related to a lack of
1406 financial resources, but only to an extent that will result in the
1407 salaries being comparable to districts similarly situated, as
1408 determined by the State Board of Education;

1409 (vii) For states of emergency declared under
1410 paragraph (b) only, the State Board of Education may take any
1411 action as prescribed in Section 37-17-13.

1412 (d) At the time that satisfactory corrective action has
1413 been taken in a school district in which a state of emergency has
1414 been declared, the State Board of Education may request the
1415 Governor to declare that the state of emergency no longer exists
1416 in the district.

1417 (e) The parent or legal guardian of a school-age child
1418 who is enrolled in a school district whose accreditation has been
1419 withdrawn by the Commission on School Accreditation and without
1420 approval of that school district may file a petition in writing to
1421 a school district accredited by the Commission on School
1422 Accreditation for a legal transfer. The school district
1423 accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation may grant the
1424 transfer according to the procedures of Section 37-15-31(1)(b).
1425 In the event the accreditation of the student's home district is
1426 restored after a transfer has been approved, the student may
1427 continue to attend the transferee school district. The per-pupil
1428 amount of the adequate education program allotment, including the

1429 collective "add-on program" costs for the student's home school
1430 district shall be transferred monthly to the school district
1431 accredited by the Commission on School Accreditation that has
1432 granted the transfer of the school-age child.

1433 (f) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency for
1434 any school district in which the Governor has previously declared
1435 a state of emergency, the State Board of Education may either:

1436 (i) Place the school district into district
1437 transformation, in which the school district shall remain until it
1438 has fulfilled all conditions related to district transformation.
1439 If the district was assigned an accreditation rating of "D" or "F"
1440 when placed into district transformation, the district shall be
1441 eligible to return to local control when the school district has
1442 attained a "C" rating or higher for five (5) consecutive years,
1443 unless the State Board of Education determines that the district
1444 is eligible to return to local control in less than the five-year
1445 period;

1446 (ii) Abolish the school district and
1447 administratively consolidate the school district with one or more
1448 existing school districts;

1449 (iii) Reduce the size of the district and
1450 administratively consolidate parts of the district, as determined
1451 by the State Board of Education. However, no school district
1452 which is not in district transformation shall be required to
1453 accept additional territory over the objection of the district; or

1454 (iv) Require the school district to develop and
1455 implement a district improvement plan with prescriptive guidance
1456 and support from the State Department of Education, with the goal
1457 of helping the district improve student achievement. Failure of
1458 the school board, superintendent and school district staff to
1459 implement the plan with fidelity and participate in the activities
1460 provided as support by the department shall result in the school
1461 district retaining its eligibility for district transformation.

1462 (g) There is established a Mississippi Recovery School
1463 District within the State Department of Education under the
1464 supervision of a deputy superintendent appointed by the State
1465 Superintendent of Public Education, who is subject to the approval
1466 by the State Board of Education. The Mississippi Recovery School
1467 District shall provide leadership and oversight of all school
1468 districts that are subject to district transformation status, as
1469 defined in Chapters 17 and 18, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1470 and shall have all the authority granted under these two (2)
1471 chapters. The Mississippi Department of Education, with the
1472 approval of the State Board of Education, shall develop policies
1473 for the operation and management of the Mississippi Recovery
1474 School District. The deputy state superintendent is responsible
1475 for the Mississippi Recovery School District and shall be
1476 authorized to oversee the administration of the Mississippi
1477 Recovery School District, oversee the interim superintendent
1478 assigned by the State Board of Education to a local school
1479 district, hear appeals that would normally be filed by students,

1480 parents or employees and heard by a local school board, which
1481 hearings on appeal shall be conducted in a prompt and timely
1482 manner in the school district from which the appeal originated in
1483 order to ensure the ability of appellants, other parties and
1484 witnesses to appeal without undue burden of travel costs or loss
1485 of time from work, and perform other related duties as assigned by
1486 the State Superintendent of Public Education. The deputy state
1487 superintendent is responsible for the Mississippi Recovery School
1488 District and shall determine, based on rigorous professional
1489 qualifications set by the State Board of Education, the
1490 appropriate individuals to be engaged to be interim
1491 superintendents and financial advisors, if applicable, of all
1492 school districts subject to district transformation status. After
1493 State Board of Education approval, these individuals shall be
1494 deemed independent contractors.

1495 (13) Upon the declaration of a state of emergency in a
1496 school district under subsection (12) of this section, the
1497 Commission on School Accreditation shall be responsible for public
1498 notice at least once a week for at least three (3) consecutive
1499 weeks in a newspaper published within the jurisdiction of the
1500 school district failing to meet accreditation standards, or if no
1501 newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper having a
1502 general circulation therein. The size of the notice shall be no
1503 smaller than one-fourth (1/4) of a standard newspaper page and
1504 shall be printed in bold print. If an interim superintendent has
1505 been appointed for the school district, the notice shall begin as

1506 follows: "By authority of Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of
1507 1972, as amended, adopted by the Mississippi Legislature during
1508 the 1991 Regular Session, this school district (name of school
1509 district) is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the State
1510 Department of Education acting through its appointed interim
1511 superintendent (name of interim superintendent)."

1512 The notice also shall include, in the discretion of the State
1513 Board of Education, any or all details relating to the school
1514 district's emergency status, including the declaration of a state
1515 of emergency in the school district and a description of the
1516 district's impairment deficiencies, conditions of any district
1517 transformation status and corrective actions recommended and being
1518 taken. Public notices issued under this section shall be subject
1519 to Section 13-3-31 and not contrary to other laws regarding
1520 newspaper publication.

1521 Upon termination of the state of emergency in a school
1522 district, the Commission on School Accreditation shall cause
1523 notice to be published in the school district in the same manner
1524 provided in this section, to include any or all details relating
1525 to the corrective action taken in the school district that
1526 resulted in the termination of the state of emergency.

1527 (14) The State Board of Education or the Commission on
1528 School Accreditation shall have the authority to require school
1529 districts to produce the necessary reports, correspondence,
1530 financial statements, and any other documents and information
1531 necessary to fulfill the requirements of this section.

1532 Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any
1533 individual, corporation, board or interim superintendent the
1534 authority to levy taxes except in accordance with presently
1535 existing statutory provisions.

1536 (15) (a) Whenever the Governor declares a state of
1537 emergency in a school district in response to a request made under
1538 subsection (12) of this section, the State Board of Education, in
1539 its discretion, may assign an interim superintendent to the school
1540 district, or in its discretion, may contract with an appropriate
1541 private entity with experience in the academic, finance and other
1542 operational functions of schools and school districts, who will be
1543 responsible for the administration, management and operation of
1544 the school district, including, but not limited to, the following
1545 activities:

1546 (i) Approving or disapproving all financial
1547 obligations of the district, including, but not limited to, the
1548 employment, termination, nonrenewal and reassignment of all
1549 licensed and nonlicensed personnel, contractual agreements and
1550 purchase orders, and approving or disapproving all claim dockets
1551 and the issuance of checks; in approving or disapproving
1552 employment contracts of superintendents, assistant superintendents
1553 or principals, the interim superintendent shall not be required to
1554 comply with the time limitations prescribed in Sections 37-9-15
1555 and 37-9-105;

1556 (ii) Supervising the day-to-day activities of the
1557 district's staff, including reassigning the duties and

1558 responsibilities of personnel in a manner which, in the
1559 determination of the interim superintendent, will best suit the
1560 needs of the district;

1561 (iii) Reviewing the district's total financial
1562 obligations and operations and making recommendations to the
1563 district for cost savings, including, but not limited to,
1564 reassigning the duties and responsibilities of staff;

1565 (iv) Attending all meetings of the district's
1566 school board and administrative staff;

1567 (v) Approving or disapproving all athletic, band
1568 and other extracurricular activities and any matters related to
1569 those activities;

1570 (vi) Maintaining a detailed account of
1571 recommendations made to the district and actions taken in response
1572 to those recommendations;

1573 (vii) Reporting periodically to the State Board of
1574 Education on the progress or lack of progress being made in the
1575 district to improve the district's impairments during the state of
1576 emergency; and

1577 (viii) Appointing a parent advisory committee,
1578 comprised of parents of students in the school district that may
1579 make recommendations to the interim superintendent concerning the
1580 administration, management and operation of the school district.

1581 The cost of the salary of the interim superintendent and any
1582 other actual and necessary costs related to district
1583 transformation status paid by the State Department of Education

1584 shall be reimbursed by the local school district from funds other
1585 than adequate education program funds. The department shall
1586 submit an itemized statement to the superintendent of the local
1587 school district for reimbursement purposes, and any unpaid balance
1588 may be withheld from the district's adequate education program
1589 funds.

1590 At the time that the Governor, in accordance with the request
1591 of the State Board of Education, declares that the state of
1592 emergency no longer exists in a school district, the powers and
1593 responsibilities of the interim superintendent assigned to the
1594 district shall cease.

1595 (b) In order to provide loans to school districts under
1596 a state of emergency or in district transformation status that
1597 have impairments related to a lack of financial resources, the
1598 School District Emergency Assistance Fund is created as a special
1599 fund in the State Treasury into which monies may be transferred or
1600 appropriated by the Legislature from any available public
1601 education funds. Funds in the School District Emergency
1602 Assistance Fund up to a maximum balance of Three Million Dollars
1603 (\$3,000,000.00) annually shall not lapse but shall be available
1604 for expenditure in subsequent years subject to approval of the
1605 State Board of Education. Any amount in the fund in excess of
1606 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) at the end of the fiscal
1607 year shall lapse into the State General Fund or the Education
1608 Enhancement Fund, depending on the source of the fund.

1609 The State Board of Education may loan monies from the School
1610 District Emergency Assistance Fund to a school district that is
1611 under a state of emergency or in district transformation status,
1612 in those amounts, as determined by the board, that are necessary
1613 to correct the district's impairments related to a lack of
1614 financial resources. The loans shall be evidenced by an agreement
1615 between the school district and the State Board of Education and
1616 shall be repayable in principal, without necessity of interest, to
1617 the School District Emergency Assistance Fund by the school
1618 district from any allowable funds that are available. The total
1619 amount loaned to the district shall be due and payable within five
1620 (5) years after the impairments related to a lack of financial
1621 resources are corrected. If a school district fails to make
1622 payments on the loan in accordance with the terms of the agreement
1623 between the district and the State Board of Education, the State
1624 Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations
1625 established by the State Board of Education, may withhold that
1626 district's adequate education program funds in an amount and
1627 manner that will effectuate repayment consistent with the terms of
1628 the agreement; the funds withheld by the department shall be
1629 deposited into the School District Emergency Assistance Fund.

1630 The State Board of Education shall develop a protocol that
1631 will outline the performance standards and requisite timeline
1632 deemed necessary for extreme emergency measures. If the State
1633 Board of Education determines that an extreme emergency exists,
1634 simultaneous with the powers exercised in this subsection, it

1635 shall take immediate action against all parties responsible for
1636 the affected school districts having been determined to be in an
1637 extreme emergency. The action shall include, but not be limited
1638 to, initiating civil actions to recover funds and criminal actions
1639 to account for criminal activity. Any funds recovered by the
1640 State Auditor or the State Board of Education from the surety
1641 bonds of school officials or from any civil action brought under
1642 this subsection shall be applied toward the repayment of any loan
1643 made to a school district hereunder.

1644 (16) If a majority of the membership of the school board of
1645 any school district resigns from office, the State Board of
1646 Education shall be authorized to assign an interim superintendent,
1647 who shall be responsible for the administration, management and
1648 operation of the school district until the time as new board
1649 members are selected or the Governor declares a state of emergency
1650 in that school district under subsection (12), whichever occurs
1651 first. In that case, the State Board of Education, acting through
1652 the interim superintendent, shall have all powers which were held
1653 by the previously existing school board, and may take any action
1654 as prescribed in Section 37-17-13 and/or one or more of the
1655 actions authorized in this section.

1656 (17) (a) If the Governor declares a state of emergency in a
1657 school district, the State Board of Education may take all such
1658 action pertaining to that school district as is authorized under
1659 subsection (12) or (15) of this section, including the appointment
1660 of an interim superintendent. The State Board of Education shall

1661 also have the authority to issue a written request with
1662 documentation to the Governor asking that the office of the
1663 superintendent of the school district be subject to recall. If
1664 the Governor declares that the office of the superintendent of the
1665 school district is subject to recall, the local school board or
1666 the county election commission, as the case may be, shall take the
1667 following action:

1668 (i) If the office of superintendent is an elected
1669 office, in those years in which there is no general election, the
1670 name shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the
1671 county election commission, and the county election commission
1672 shall submit the question at a special election to the voters
1673 eligible to vote for the office of superintendent within the
1674 county, and the special election shall be held within sixty (60)
1675 days from notification by the State Board of Education. The
1676 ballot shall read substantially as follows:

1677 "Shall County Superintendent of Education _____ (here the
1678 name of the superintendent shall be inserted) of the _____
1679 (here the title of the school district shall be inserted) be
1680 retained in office? Yes _____ No _____"

1681 If a majority of those voting on the question votes against
1682 retaining the superintendent in office, a vacancy shall exist
1683 which shall be filled in the manner provided by law; otherwise,
1684 the superintendent shall remain in office for the term of that
1685 office, and at the expiration of the term shall be eligible for
1686 qualification and election to another term or terms.

1687 (ii) If the office of superintendent is an
1688 appointive office, the name of the superintendent shall be
1689 submitted by the president of the local school board at the next
1690 regular meeting of the school board for retention in office or
1691 dismissal from office. If a majority of the school board voting
1692 on the question vote against retaining the superintendent in
1693 office, a vacancy shall exist which shall be filled as provided by
1694 law, otherwise the superintendent shall remain in office for the
1695 duration of his employment contract.

1696 (b) The State Board of Education may issue a written
1697 request with documentation to the Governor asking that the
1698 membership of the school board of the school district shall be
1699 subject to recall. Whenever the Governor declares that the
1700 membership of the school board is subject to recall, the county
1701 election commission or the local governing authorities, as the
1702 case may be, shall take the following action:

1703 (i) If the members of the local school board are
1704 elected to office, in those years in which the specific member's
1705 office is not up for election, the name of the school board member
1706 shall be submitted by the State Board of Education to the county
1707 election commission, and the county election commission at a
1708 special election shall submit the question to the voters eligible
1709 to vote for the particular member's office within the county or
1710 school district, as the case may be, and the special election
1711 shall be held within sixty (60) days from notification by the

1712 State Board of Education. The ballot shall read substantially as
1713 follows:

1714 "Members of the _____ (here the title of the school
1715 district shall be inserted) School Board who are not up for
1716 election this year are subject to recall because of the school
1717 district's failure to meet critical accountability standards as
1718 defined in the letter of notification to the Governor from the
1719 State Board of Education. Shall the member of the school board
1720 representing this area, _____ (here the name of the school
1721 board member holding the office shall be inserted), be retained in
1722 office? Yes _____ No _____"

1723 If a majority of those voting on the question vote against
1724 retaining the member of the school board in office, a vacancy in
1725 that board member's office shall exist, which shall be filled in
1726 the manner provided by law; otherwise, the school board member
1727 shall remain in office for the term of that office, and at the
1728 expiration of the term of office, the member shall be eligible for
1729 qualification and election to another term or terms of office.
1730 However, if a majority of the school board members are recalled in
1731 the special election, the Governor shall authorize the board of
1732 supervisors of the county in which the school district is situated
1733 to appoint members to fill the offices of the members recalled.
1734 The board of supervisors shall make those appointments in the
1735 manner provided by law for filling vacancies on the school board,
1736 and the appointed members shall serve until the office is filled
1737 at the next regular special election or general election.

1738 (ii) If the local school board is an appointed
1739 school board, the name of all school board members shall be
1740 submitted as a collective board by the president of the municipal
1741 or county governing authority, as the case may be, at the next
1742 regular meeting of the governing authority for retention in office
1743 or dismissal from office. If a majority of the governing
1744 authority voting on the question vote against retaining the board
1745 in office, a vacancy shall exist in each school board member's
1746 office, which shall be filled as provided by law; otherwise, the
1747 members of the appointed school board shall remain in office for
1748 the duration of their term of appointment, and those members may
1749 be reappointed.

1750 (iii) If the local school board is comprised of
1751 both elected and appointed members, the elected members shall be
1752 subject to recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of
1753 this paragraph (b), and the appointed members shall be subject to
1754 recall in the manner provided in subparagraph (ii).

1755 (18) Beginning with the school district audits conducted for
1756 the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the State Board of Education, acting
1757 through the Commission on School Accreditation, shall require each
1758 school district to comply with standards established by the State
1759 Department of Audit for the verification of fixed assets and the
1760 auditing of fixed assets records as a minimum requirement for
1761 accreditation.

1762 (19) Before December 1, 1999, the State Board of Education
1763 shall recommend a program to the Education Committees of the House

1764 of Representatives and the Senate for identifying and rewarding
1765 public schools that improve or are high performing. The program
1766 shall be described by the board in a written report, which shall
1767 include criteria and a process through which improving schools and
1768 high-performing schools will be identified and rewarded.

1769 The State Superintendent of Public Education and the State
1770 Board of Education also shall develop a comprehensive
1771 accountability plan to ensure that local school boards,
1772 superintendents, principals and teachers are held accountable for
1773 student achievement. A written report on the accountability plan
1774 shall be submitted to the Education Committees of both houses of
1775 the Legislature before December 1, 1999, with any necessary
1776 legislative recommendations.

1777 (20) Before January 1, 2008, the State Board of Education
1778 shall evaluate and submit a recommendation to the Education
1779 Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on
1780 inclusion of graduation rate and dropout rate in the school level
1781 accountability system.

1782 (21) If a local school district is determined as failing and
1783 placed into district transformation status for reasons authorized
1784 by the provisions of this section, the interim superintendent
1785 appointed to the district shall, within forty-five (45) days after
1786 being appointed, present a detailed and structured corrective
1787 action plan to move the local school district out of district
1788 transformation status to the deputy superintendent. A copy of the

1789 interim superintendent's corrective action plan shall also be
1790 filed with the State Board of Education.

1791 **SECTION 7.** The provisions of Sections 7 through 14 of this
1792 act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Workforce
1793 Incentive Act of 2020."

1794 **SECTION 8.** (1) Each public community college district shall
1795 annually provide the Mississippi Community College Board and the
1796 Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriation Committees a list of
1797 career and technical program equipment, lab upgrades and
1798 renovations that are needed to start or enhance career and
1799 technical programs at the community college. The list of career
1800 and technical program equipment, lab upgrades and renovations
1801 provided must be geared toward training the high-skilled labor
1802 force required to drive economic innovation in the 21st century.

1803 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of
1804 this section, each community college shall provide the Mississippi
1805 Community College Board with supporting documentation that details
1806 the need for the career and technical program equipment, lab
1807 upgrades and renovations that are needed to start or enhance
1808 career and technical programs at the community college. Such
1809 documentation shall also provide details that show that the
1810 community college and the local business and industries have
1811 coordinated their request for the career and technical program
1812 equipment, lab upgrades and renovations that are needed to start
1813 or enhance career and technical programs at the community college.

1814 (3) Beginning with fiscal year 2021, and subject to
1815 available funding, the Mississippi Community College Board shall
1816 adopt guidelines and allocate funding to the public community and
1817 junior colleges for the purpose of supporting career and technical
1818 infrastructure for the career and technical program equipment, lab
1819 upgrades and renovations.

1820 (4) Subject to available funding, the Legislature shall
1821 appropriate the funding required under this section to the
1822 Mississippi Community College Board for aid and support of the
1823 public community and junior colleges for the purposes of providing
1824 start-up costs for new or expanding career and technical programs,
1825 supporting career and technical infrastructure for program
1826 equipment, lab upgrades and renovations, and incentives for the
1827 expansion of career and technical dual enrollment and dual credit.

1828 (5) The provisions of this Section 8 shall stand repealed on
1829 June 30, 2024.

1830 **SECTION 9.** (1) There is created the Dual Credit Community
1831 College Scholarship Program, hereinafter referred to in this
1832 Section 9 as "the program." The program shall consist of the
1833 Academic Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program and the
1834 Career and Technical Community College Scholarship Program.

1835 (2) The program shall be administered by the Mississippi
1836 Community College Board. The Mississippi Community College Board
1837 shall develop rules and regulations to implement a scholarship
1838 program for participating public community colleges who provide
1839 dual credit and dual enrollment opportunities to high school

1840 students who meet certain qualifications. The Mississippi
1841 Community College Board shall create a platform for interested
1842 students to apply online for the scholarships. Funding from
1843 approved scholarships shall be awarded to the credit of the public
1844 community college providing the dual credit instruction. Public
1845 community colleges shall be the sole provider of dual credit for
1846 students participating in the Dual Credit College Scholarship
1847 Program. Funding for this program shall be administered through a
1848 special fund at the Mississippi Community College Board and shall
1849 be subject to appropriation.

1850 (3) (a) The Academic Dual Credit Community College
1851 Scholarship Program shall be limited to one hundred thirty
1852 thousand (130,000) semester hours of credit in the academic year
1853 beginning 2020-2021. Subject to appropriation, for the academic
1854 year beginning in 2020-2021, each academic dual credit student
1855 scholarship shall be funded at One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)
1856 per semester hour of credit, and for each academic year
1857 thereafter, the public community colleges shall adjust the per
1858 semester credit hour rate based on system-wide actual tuition
1859 costs.

1860 (b) All eligible public high school students shall be
1861 approved for participation in the Academic Dual Credit Community
1862 College Scholarship Program subject to the following criteria:

1863 (i) All dual credit standards including, but not
1864 limited to, Academic & Eligibility Requirements, Course
1865 Requirements, Faculty and Institutional Qualifications and

1866 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on
1867 Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation criteria as provided in the
1868 *Procedures Manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and*
1869 *Accelerated Programs*, jointly adopted by the Board of Trustees of
1870 the Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community
1871 College Board, or a subsequent document, must be strictly adhered
1872 to.

1873 (ii) Students participating in the program must
1874 reside within the State of Mississippi.

1875 (iii) Students participating in the program are
1876 responsible for books, supplies and transportation costs.

1877 (4) (a) The Career and Technical Dual Credit Community
1878 College Scholarship Program shall be limited to twenty thousand
1879 (20,000) semester hours of credit in the academic year beginning
1880 2020-2021. Subject to appropriation, each career and technical
1881 dual credit student scholarship shall be funded at Two Hundred
1882 Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per semester hour of credit beginning in
1883 the 2020-2021 academic year.

1884 (b) All eligible public high school students shall be
1885 approved for participation in the Career and Technical Dual Credit
1886 Community College Scholarship Program subject to the following
1887 criteria:

1888 (i) All dual credit standards including, but not
1889 limited to, Career and Technical Eligibility Requirements, Course
1890 Requirements, Faculty and Institutional Qualifications and
1891 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on

1892 Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation criteria as provided in the
1893 *Procedures Manual for the State of Mississippi Dual Enrollment and*
1894 *Accelerated Programs*, jointly adopted by the Board of Trustees of
1895 the Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community
1896 College Board, or a subsequent document, must be strictly adhered
1897 to.

1898 (ii) Laboratories designed for providing
1899 instruction in career and technical courses must meet community
1900 colleges' standards of quality.

1901 (iii) Students participating in the program must
1902 reside within the State of Mississippi.

1903 (iv) Students participating in the program are
1904 responsible for books, tools, supplies and transportation costs.

1905 (5) The Mississippi Community College Board shall set
1906 application deadlines for dual credit students applying for Dual
1907 Credit Community College Scholarship Program funds. If funds are
1908 insufficient to fully fund scholarship awards for eligible
1909 students, scholarship awards shall be prorated among all eligible
1910 students to the credit of public community colleges.

1911 (6) The Legislature may appropriate funds annually to
1912 implement, administer and make awards under the programs provided
1913 for in this section. The Mississippi Community College Board may
1914 seek, accept and expend funds from any source, including private
1915 business, industry, foundations and other groups as well as any
1916 federal or other governmental funding available for this purpose.

1917 (7) At the end of the fiscal year, any unexpended balances
1918 appropriated by the Legislature for the implementation or
1919 administration of programs provided for in this section shall not
1920 lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be
1921 available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year for the
1922 same purpose.

1923 (8) The Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program
1924 shall be suspended if funding is not provided.

1925 **SECTION 10.** Subject to appropriation, the Legislature shall
1926 appropriate funds to the Mississippi Community College Board for
1927 each student enrolled in career and technical education in an
1928 amount not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per student.
1929 Such appropriation shall not exceed Five Million Dollars
1930 (\$5,000,000.00). The purpose of the funds is to help close the
1931 gap between funding required for academic students and funding
1932 required for career and technical education students.

1933 **SECTION 11.** The Legislature may appropriate funding to the
1934 Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying
1935 the costs of community and junior colleges related to program
1936 start-up costs, new equipment and ensuring that community colleges
1937 are able to hire or train their career and technical faculty with
1938 the credentials required to enter into collaborative arrangements
1939 with Mississippi's public universities that assist in the
1940 production of applied baccalaureate degree programs in the fields
1941 of applied science and applied technology.

1942 **SECTION 12.** (1) (a) There is created in the State Treasury
1943 a special fund to be designated as the "Noncredit Workforce Skills
1944 Training Fund," to be administered by the Executive Director of
1945 the Mississippi Community College Board. The special fund shall
1946 consist of monies as may be appropriated by the Legislature and
1947 any other monies authorized under this section.

1948 (b) Monies in the Noncredit Workforce Skills Training
1949 Fund shall be used to increase the efficiency of noncredit
1950 workforce skills training and provide faster response to workforce
1951 training needs.

1952 (2) Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and subject to available
1953 funding, the Mississippi Community College Board shall disburse
1954 these one-time funds through a project application system to the
1955 fifteen (15) public community colleges.

1956 (3) The provisions of this Section 12 shall stand repealed
1957 on June 30, 2021.

1958 **SECTION 13.** Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1959 brought forward as follows:

1960 27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the
1961 revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the
1962 preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

1963 (1) (a) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding
1964 month thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of
1965 the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month
1966 under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under
1967 the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on

1968 business activities within a municipal corporation shall be
1969 allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the
1970 municipal corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this
1971 paragraph (a), on or before August 15, 1993, and each succeeding
1972 month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the
1973 total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under
1974 the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the
1975 provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and
1976 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation
1977 shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid
1978 to the municipal corporation. However, in the event the State
1979 Auditor issues a certificate of noncompliance pursuant to Section
1980 21-35-31, the Department of Revenue shall withhold ten percent
1981 (10%) of the allocations and payments to the municipality that
1982 would otherwise be payable to the municipality under this
1983 paragraph (a) until such time that the department receives written
1984 notice of the cancellation of a certificate of noncompliance from
1985 the State Auditor.

1986 A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the
1987 tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated
1988 cities, towns and villages.

1989 Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal
1990 corporation under this paragraph may be pledged as security for a
1991 loan if the distribution received by the municipal corporation is
1992 otherwise authorized or required by law to be pledged as security
1993 for such a loan.

1994 In any county having a county seat that is not an
1995 incorporated municipality, the distribution provided under this
1996 subsection shall be made as though the county seat was an
1997 incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to the
1998 municipality shall be paid to the county treasury in which the
1999 municipality is located, and those funds shall be used for road,
2000 bridge and street construction or maintenance in the county.

2001 (b) On or before August 15, 2006, and each succeeding
2002 month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the
2003 total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under
2004 the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the
2005 provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on
2006 business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher
2007 learning or community or junior college whose campus is not
2008 located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be
2009 allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher
2010 learning or community or junior college and paid to the state
2011 institution of higher learning or community or junior college.

2012 (c) On or before August 15, 2018, and each succeeding
2013 month thereafter until August 14, 2019, two percent (2%) of the
2014 total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under
2015 the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the
2016 provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and
2017 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of
2018 the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the
2019 Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in

2020 Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2019, and each
2021 succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2020, four percent
2022 (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding
2023 month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected
2024 under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21
2025 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits
2026 of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the
2027 Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in
2028 Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2020, and each
2029 succeeding month thereafter, six percent (6%) of the total sales
2030 tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the
2031 provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the
2032 provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and
2033 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of
2034 the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the
2035 Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in
2036 Section 29-5-215.

2037 (d) (i) On or before the fifteenth day of the month
2038 that the diversion authorized by this section begins, and each
2039 succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent
2040 (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the
2041 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that
2042 collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3)
2043 and 27-65-21, on business activities within a redevelopment
2044 project area developed under a redevelopment plan adopted under
2045 the Tax Increment Financing Act (Section 21-45-1 et seq.) shall be

2046 allocated for distribution to the county in which the project area
2047 is located if:

2048 1. The county borders on the Mississippi
2049 Sound and the State of Alabama;

2050 2. The county has issued bonds under Section
2051 21-45-9 to finance all or a portion of a redevelopment project in
2052 the redevelopment project area;

2053 3. Any debt service for the indebtedness
2054 incurred is outstanding; and

2055 4. A development with a value of Ten Million
2056 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or more is, or will be, located in the
2057 redevelopment area.

2058 (ii) Before any sales tax revenue may be allocated
2059 for distribution to a county under this paragraph, the county
2060 shall certify to the Department of Revenue that the requirements
2061 of this paragraph have been met, the amount of bonded indebtedness
2062 that has been incurred by the county for the redevelopment project
2063 and the expected date the indebtedness incurred by the county will
2064 be satisfied.

2065 (iii) The diversion of sales tax revenue
2066 authorized by this paragraph shall begin the month following the
2067 month in which the Department of Revenue determines that the
2068 requirements of this paragraph have been met. The diversion shall
2069 end the month the indebtedness incurred by the county is
2070 satisfied. All revenue received by the county under this
2071 paragraph shall be deposited in the fund required to be created in

2072 the tax increment financing plan under Section 21-45-11 and be
2073 utilized solely to satisfy the indebtedness incurred by the
2074 county.

2075 (2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding
2076 month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter
2077 during the preceding month, One Million One Hundred Twenty-five
2078 Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for
2079 distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection
2080 (1) of this section in the proportion that the number of gallons
2081 of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and
2082 retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal
2083 year bears to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold
2084 by distributors to consumers and retailers in municipalities
2085 statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The Department of
2086 Revenue shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel fuel
2087 to report to the department monthly the total number of gallons of
2088 gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them to consumers and retailers
2089 in each municipality during the preceding month. The Department
2090 of Revenue shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and
2091 regulations as is necessary to determine the number of gallons of
2092 gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and
2093 retailers in each municipality. In determining the percentage
2094 allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year
2095 beginning July 1, 1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the Department
2096 of Revenue may consider gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold
2097 for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the purposes

2098 of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the fiscal year
2099 beginning July 1 of a year.

2100 (3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the
2101 fifteenth day of each succeeding month, until the date specified
2102 in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived from contractors' taxes
2103 levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or
2104 reconstruction of highways designated under the highway program
2105 created under Section 65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise provided
2106 in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the State Treasury to the
2107 credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to fund that highway
2108 program. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
2109 provide to the Department of Revenue such information as is
2110 necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to be distributed
2111 under this subsection.

2112 (4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the
2113 fifteenth day of each succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from
2114 the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes as
2115 provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars
2116 (\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the
2117 credit of a special fund designated as the "State Aid Road Fund,"
2118 created by Section 65-9-17. On or before August 15, 1999, and on
2119 or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the
2120 total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene
2121 taxes apportioned by Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million
2122 Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to twenty-three and
2123 one-fourth percent (23-1/4%) of those funds, whichever is the

2124 greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the
2125 credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17.
2126 Those funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest
2127 on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51
2128 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds
2129 previously allocated to counties under this section. Those funds
2130 may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds
2131 issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the
2132 pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not
2133 apply to any bonds for which intent to issue those bonds has been
2134 published for the first time, as provided by law before March 29,
2135 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund under
2136 this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be
2137 first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the expenses
2138 of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the
2139 Legislature for all other general and special fund agencies. The
2140 remainder of the fund shall be allocated monthly to the several
2141 counties in accordance with the following formula:

2142 (a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties
2143 in equal shares;

2144 (b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties
2145 based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles
2146 in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all
2147 counties of the state; and

2148 (c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties
2149 based on the proportion that the rural population of the county

2150 bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state,
2151 according to the latest federal decennial census.

2152 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline,
2153 diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in
2154 paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

2155 The amount of funds allocated to any county under this
2156 subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be
2157 less than the amount allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

2158 Any reference in the general laws of this state or the
2159 Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be
2160 construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section
2161 27-65-75.

2162 (5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred
2163 Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into
2164 the special fund known as the "State Public School Building Fund"
2165 created and existing under the provisions of Sections 37-47-1
2166 through 37-47-67. Those payments into that fund are to be made on
2167 the last day of each succeeding month hereafter.

2168 (6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through
2169 November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of
2170 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the
2171 Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6,
2172 Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

2173 (7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month
2174 thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six
2175 one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue

2176 collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this
2177 chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section
2178 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited by the department into the School
2179 Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35. On
2180 or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter,
2181 two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of
2182 the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month
2183 under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under
2184 the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the
2185 School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section
2186 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the
2187 fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars
2188 (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this
2189 subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two
2190 Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the
2191 Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for
2192 appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and
2193 shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements
2194 set forth in Section 37-61-33.

2195 (8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month
2196 thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent
2197 (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the
2198 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that
2199 collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be
2200 deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under
2201 Section 37-61-33.

2202 (9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month
2203 thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during
2204 the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
2205 (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

2206 (10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month
2207 thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected
2208 under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars
2209 (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad
2210 Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

2211 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
2212 the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding
2213 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2214 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and
2215 the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease
2216 of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property
2217 as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without
2218 diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund
2219 established in Section 27-51-105.

2220 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
2221 the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding
2222 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2223 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on
2224 retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers
2225 of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding
2226 levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles,

2227 shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad
2228 Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

2229 (13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the
2230 fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of
2231 the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22 that is derived
2232 from activities held on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex
2233 shall be paid into a special fund that is created in the State
2234 Treasury and shall be expended upon legislative appropriation
2235 solely to defray the costs of repairs and renovation at the Trade
2236 Mart and Coliseum.

2237 (14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month
2238 thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of
2239 the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by
2240 cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be
2241 paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to
2242 exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund
2243 created under Section 69-37-39. On or before August 15, 2007, and
2244 each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2010, that
2245 portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that
2246 is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses
2247 and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be
2248 deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars
2249 (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section
2250 69-37-39 until all debts or other obligations incurred by the
2251 Certified Cotton Growers Organization under the Mississippi Boll
2252 Weevil Management Act before January 1, 2007, are satisfied in

2253 full. On or before August 15, 2010, and each succeeding month
2254 thereafter through July 15, 2011, fifty percent (50%) of that
2255 portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that
2256 is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses
2257 and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be
2258 deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39
2259 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund
2260 during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).
2261 On or before August 15, 2011, and each succeeding month
2262 thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in
2263 Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses
2264 or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the
2265 General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created
2266 under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount
2267 deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million
2268 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

2269 (15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
2270 the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding
2271 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2272 preceding month under the provisions of Section
2273 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)2, and 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)3 shall be deposited,
2274 without diversion, into the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax
2275 Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

2276 (16) (a) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding
2277 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2278 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross

2279 proceeds of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall
2280 be deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided
2281 for in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax
2282 Incentive Fund created in Section 57-30-3.

2283 (b) On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding
2284 month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue
2285 collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this
2286 chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the
2287 provisions of Sections 57-26-1 through 57-26-5, shall be
2288 deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and
2289 (8) of this section, into the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive
2290 Fund created in Section 57-26-3.

2291 (17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
2292 the contrary, on or before April 15, 2002, and each succeeding
2293 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2294 preceding month under Section 27-65-23 on sales of parking
2295 services of parking garages and lots at airports shall be
2296 deposited, without diversion, into the special fund created under
2297 Section 27-5-101(d).

2298 (18) [Repealed]

2299 (19) (a) On or before August 15, 2005, and each succeeding
2300 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2301 preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross
2302 proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a
2303 redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections
2304 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and the revenue collected on the gross

2305 proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located
2306 in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections
2307 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a
2308 business enterprise are made on the premises of the business
2309 enterprise), shall, except as otherwise provided in this
2310 subsection (19), be deposited, after all diversions, into the
2311 Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section
2312 57-91-9.

2313 (b) For a municipality participating in the Economic
2314 Redevelopment Act created in Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11,
2315 the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section
2316 attributable to the gross proceeds of sales of a business
2317 enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the
2318 provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and attributable
2319 to the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business
2320 enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the
2321 provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that
2322 such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises
2323 of the business enterprise), shall be deposited into the
2324 Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section
2325 57-91-9, as follows:

2326 (i) For the first six (6) years in which payments
2327 are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive
2328 Fund, one hundred percent (100%) of the diversion shall be
2329 deposited into the fund;

2330 (ii) For the seventh year in which such payments
2331 are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive
2332 Fund, eighty percent (80%) of the diversion shall be deposited
2333 into the fund;

2334 (iii) For the eighth year in which such payments
2335 are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive
2336 Fund, seventy percent (70%) of the diversion shall be deposited
2337 into the fund;

2338 (iv) For the ninth year in which such payments are
2339 made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund,
2340 sixty percent (60%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the
2341 fund; and

2342 (v) For the tenth year in which such payments are
2343 made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund,
2344 fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be deposited into the fund.

2345 (20) On or before January 15, 2007, and each succeeding
2346 month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue
2347 collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this
2348 chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the
2349 provisions of Sections 57-28-1 through 57-28-5 shall be deposited,
2350 after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this
2351 section, into the Tourism Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in
2352 Section 57-28-3.

2353 (21) (a) On or before April 15, 2007, and each succeeding
2354 month thereafter through June 15, 2013, One Hundred Fifty Thousand
2355 Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during

2356 the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be
2357 deposited into the MMEIA Tax Incentive Fund created in Section
2358 57-101-3.

2359 (b) On or before July 15, 2013, and each succeeding
2360 month thereafter, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)
2361 of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month
2362 under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the
2363 Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund created
2364 in Section 57-1-451.

2365 (22) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to
2366 the contrary, on or before August 15, 2009, and each succeeding
2367 month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the
2368 preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-201 shall be
2369 deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem
2370 Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

2371 (23) (a) On or before August 15, 2019, and each month
2372 thereafter through July 15, 2020, one percent (1%) of the total
2373 sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from
2374 restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the
2375 Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund
2376 established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the
2377 purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2020, and each
2378 month thereafter through July 15, 2021, two percent (2%) of the
2379 total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from
2380 restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the
2381 Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund

2382 established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the
2383 purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2021, and each
2384 month thereafter, three percent (3%) of the total sales tax
2385 revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and
2386 hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi
2387 Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under
2388 Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated
2389 therein. The revenue diverted pursuant to this subsection shall
2390 not be available for expenditure until February 1, 2020.

2391 (b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
2392 Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) must provide an annual
2393 report to the Legislature indicating the amount of funds deposited
2394 into the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising
2395 Fund established under Section 57-1-64, and a detailed record of
2396 how the funds are spent.

2397 (24) The remainder of the amounts collected under the
2398 provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury
2399 to the credit of the General Fund.

2400 (25) (a) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of
2401 any municipality that expands its limits, or of any community that
2402 incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of that
2403 action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so
2404 notify the commissioner shall cause the municipality to forfeit
2405 the revenue that it would have been entitled to receive during
2406 this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the
2407 action.

2408 (b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph
2409 (ii) of this paragraph, if any funds have been erroneously
2410 disbursed to any municipality or any overpayment of tax is
2411 recovered by the taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction
2412 and adjust the error or overpayment with the municipality by
2413 withholding the necessary funds from any later payment to be made
2414 to the municipality.

2415 (ii) Subject to the provisions of Sections
2416 27-65-51 and 27-65-53, if any funds have been erroneously
2417 disbursed to a municipality under subsection (1) of this section
2418 for a period of three (3) years or more, the maximum amount that
2419 may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total
2420 amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of three (3)
2421 years beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.
2422 However, if during such period, a municipality provides written
2423 notice to the Department of Revenue indicating the erroneous
2424 disbursement of funds, then the maximum amount that may be
2425 recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of
2426 funds erroneously disbursed for a period of one (1) year beginning
2427 with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.

2428 **SECTION 14.** (1) The Mississippi Community College Board, in
2429 collaboration with the state's fifteen (15) community and junior
2430 colleges, has been seeking to address this challenge through a
2431 statewide integrated career pathway initiative entitled the
2432 "Mississippi Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training
2433 (MI-BEST)." This initiative targets primarily high school

2434 dropouts, low-income persons, and other nontraditional students
2435 and accelerates their transition from basic skills education to
2436 postsecondary programs of study. MI-BEST is premised on the
2437 highly successful, evidence-based Integrated Basic Education and
2438 Skills Training (I-BEST) model, launched in Washington, that
2439 incorporates contextualized learning by concurrently delivering
2440 Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Career and Technical Education
2441 (CTE) classes using a team-teaching approach.

2442 (2) All MI-BEST students must be current residents of
2443 Mississippi.

2444 (3) The MI-BEST initiative was initially supported
2445 financially through private foundation funding, but that funding
2446 is expiring at the end for fiscal year 2020.

2447 (4) The Legislature may appropriate annual funding for this
2448 section to the Mississippi Community College Board for the support
2449 of the fifteen (15) community and junior colleges for the purpose
2450 of increasing the supply of workforce training delivered through
2451 community college's nonaccredited skill-based training by
2452 increasing the support services for high school drop-outs earning
2453 a high school equivalent credential and a skills-based
2454 certification (MI-BEST).

2455 (5) Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and subject to available
2456 funding, the Mississippi Community College Board shall disburse
2457 these funds to the public community colleges for the purpose of
2458 enrolling low-skill adults in career pathways that combine high
2459 school equivalency, skill training and workforce credentials in an

2460 intensive program that produces adults who can compete for jobs.
2461 Half of the funding shall be allocated equally, and the remaining
2462 half shall be allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount
2463 enrollment in Adult Education, MI-BEST or other career pathway
2464 programs.

2465 **SECTION 15.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
2466 and after July 1, 2020.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "COMPREHENSIVE CAREER AND TECHNICAL
2 EDUCATION REFORM (CCATER) ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-38,
3 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT DUAL CREDIT CAREER AND
4 TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HOLD AN
5 ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-17,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
7 TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO ALL INCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH
8 STUDENTS OF THE CAREER TRACK PROGRAMS OFFERED BY LOCAL SCHOOL
9 BOARDS; TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS IN THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL
10 EDUCATION TRACK TO TAKE THE ACT WORKKEYS ASSESSMENT; TO REVISE THE
11 CURRICULUM IN THE CAREER TRACK PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2,
12 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL BUSINESS OR OTHER
13 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HOLD AN ASSOCIATE
14 OR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ORDER TO BE GRANTED A ONE-YEAR EXPERT
15 CITIZEN-TEACHER LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-3, MISSISSIPPI
16 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; TO AMEND
17 SECTION 37-17-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
18 ACCREDITATION SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON THE
19 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT WORKKEYS ASSESSMENT, WHICH SHALL BE
20 WEIGHTED IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE STANDARD ACT ASSESSMENT; TO
21 CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE INCENTIVE ACT OF 2020; TO REQUIRE
22 EACH PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGE BOARD A LIST OF THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT, LAB
24 UPGRADES AND RENOVATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO START OR ENHANCE
25 CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO
26 REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO ADOPT
27 GUIDELINES AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR
28 COLLEGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING CAREER AND TECHNICAL
29 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAM EQUIPMENT, LAB
30 UPGRADES AND RENOVATIONS; TO CREATE THE DUAL CREDIT COMMUNITY
31 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE ACADEMIC
32 DUAL CREDIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE CAREER

33 AND TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE
34 THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO ADMINISTER THE
35 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE
36 FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD FOR EACH STUDENT
37 ENROLLED IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION; TO CREATE THE
38 "NONCREDIT WORKFORCE SKILLS TRAINING FUND" IN THE STATE TREASURY
39 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI
40 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL
41 BE USED TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF NONCREDIT WORKFORCE SKILLS
42 TRAINING AND PROVIDE FASTER RESPONSE TO WORKFORCE TRAINING NEEDS;
43 TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
44 PROVIDES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
45 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF WORKFORCE TRAINING
46 DELIVERED THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE NONACCREDITED SKILL-BASED
47 TRAINING BY INCREASING THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR HIGH SCHOOL
48 DROP-OUTS EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT CREDENTIAL AND A
49 SKILLS-BASED CERTIFICATION (MI-BEST); AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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