

By: Senator(s) Turner-Ford

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2309

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DISCONTINUE THE USE OF SUBJECT AREA TESTS AS A REQUIREMENT TO
3 RECEIVE A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD
4 OF EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-16-7. (1) Each district school board shall establish
9 standards for graduation from its schools which shall include as a
10 minimum:

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12 (* * *a) Completion of a minimum number of academic
13 credits, and all other applicable requirements prescribed by the
14 district school board.

15 (* * *b) By school, information on high school
16 graduation rates. High schools with graduation rates lower than
17 eighty percent (80%) must submit a detailed plan to the
18 Mississippi Department of Education to restructure the high school
19 experience to improve graduation rates.



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

23 (3) The State Board of Education may establish student
24 proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels leading to
25 graduation.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2021.

