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To: Appropriations;
Accountability, Efficiency,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2089

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE A STATUTORY LIMITATION ON THE SALARY OF THE STATE
3 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-3-9. (1) There shall be a State Superintendent of Public
8 Education who shall be appointed by the State Board of Education,
9 with the advice and consent of the Senate, and serve at the
10 board's will and pleasure. He shall be the Chief Administrative
11 Officer for the State Department of Education and shall administer
12 the department in accordance with the policies established by the
13 State Board of Education. The State Superintendent of Education,
14 serving on July 1, * * * 2022, shall continue to receive the
15 salary that he was receiving on January 1, * * * 2022. From and
16 after the completion of the term of the said superintendent
17 serving on July 1, * * * 2022, the salary of the State
18 Superintendent of Education shall be established by the State



19 Board of Education, but not to exceed one hundred five percent
20 (105%) of the national average for state superintendents as
21 published by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The
22 State Superintendent of Public Education shall have at least a
23 master's degree in any field and a minimum of five (5) years'
24 experience in administration in the educational field.

25 (2) The State Superintendent shall give bond in the penalty
26 of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with sureties to be
27 approved by the Governor, conditioned according to law. The bond,
28 when approved, shall be filed and recorded in the Office of the
29 Secretary of State.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2022.

