

By: Representatives Holloway, Harness, Hulum To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 823

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC
 2 COMPETITIVENESS TO DEVELOP A VISION FOR MISSISSIPPI'S FUTURE
 3 ECONOMY AND CONSIDER HOW TO REFORM EDUCATION TO PREPARE ALL
 4 STUDENTS FOR THAT FUTURE; TO DEVELOP INITIAL LEGISLATIVE
 5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; TO DEVELOP
 6 OMNIBUS LEGISLATION TO INTRODUCE DURING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE
 7 SESSION; TO ESTABLISH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
 8 MISSISSIPPI'S EARLY CHILDHOOD, K-12, HIGHER EDUCATION AND
 9 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS INTO A WORLD-CLASS SYSTEM THAT
 10 PREPARES ALL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN WORK AND LIFE BY ADDRESSING
 11 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT,
 12 FOUNDATIONS OF SUPPORT, AND GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO
 13 SUPPORT THIS SYSTEM; TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
 14 PROPOSED OMNIBUS LEGISLATION; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO PROCURE
 15 THE SELECTION OF A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION WITH
 16 EXPERTISE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION BENCHMARKING, FACILITATION,
 17 AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH
 18 MISSISSIPPI'S EDUCATION SYSTEM TO FACILITATE THE COMMISSION'S
 19 MEETINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

21 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established an independent
 22 research-based Commission on Education and Economic
 23 Competitiveness, which shall assess and provide:

24 (a) A vision for education and workforce development
 25 throughout the state;



26 (b) An analysis of design features of high-performing
27 education systems globally;

28 (c) A set of recommendations based on that global
29 analysis derived from the data acquired under paragraph (b) to
30 enable Mississippi's education system to attain world-class levels
31 of performance, by establishing collaborative partnerships between
32 early childhood, K-12, postsecondary education and workforce
33 development systems that prepare all students for success in work
34 and life by addressing career and technical education, curriculum
35 and assessment, foundations of support, and governance and
36 accountability;

37 (d) The development of initial legislative
38 recommendations for the 2024 Regular Session of the Mississippi
39 Legislature;

40 (e) Recommendations for omnibus legislation for the
41 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, to address
42 those recommendations presented to the Legislature in 2024; and

43 (f) A plan for beginning and overseeing the initial
44 phases of implementation of the legislation.

45 (2) (a) The commission shall select a national consulting
46 and professional learning organization with expertise in
47 internationally benchmarking the policies and practices of
48 high-performing education systems and translating those policies
49 and practices into United States contexts to facilitate the
50 commission.



51 (b) The learning organization selected by the
52 commission will:

53 (i) Share information and insights on the design
54 of high-performing education systems, organized around a coherent
55 framework that looks across these systems;

56 (ii) Analyze Mississippi's state education,
57 workforce development, and economic context against this
58 framework; and

59 (iii) Facilitate conversations that allow the
60 commission to:

61 1. Establish a long-term vision;

62 2. Establish a forward agenda based on the
63 analysis;

64 3. Establish legislative recommendations for
65 2024 and 2025; and

66 4. Establish an initial implementation plan.

67 (3) The commission shall be composed of high-level leaders
68 representing education, regional and statewide business and
69 industry sectors, policy makers, two-year and four-year
70 postsecondary educational institutions, elementary and secondary
71 educational organizations and associations representative of the
72 entire state, including, but not limited to:

73 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education, or
74 his or her designee;



75 (b) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House
76 Education Committee, or their designees;

77 (c) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate
78 Education Committee, or their designees;

79 (d) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House
80 Workforce Development Committee, or their designees;

81 (e) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate
82 Workforce Development Committee, or their designees.

83 (f) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House
84 Appropriations Committee or their designees;

85 (g) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Senate
86 Appropriations Committee or their designees;

87 (h) A representative from the State Board of Education;

88 (i) A representative from the Commission on Teacher and
89 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
90 Development;

91 (j) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
92 Association of School Administrators (MASA), or his or her
93 designee;

94 (k) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
95 Association of School Superintendents (MASS), or his or her
96 designee;

97 (l) A member of the House University and Colleges
98 Committee;



- 99 (m) A member of the Senate University and Colleges
100 Committee;
- 101 (n) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or his or her
102 designee;
- 103 (o) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community
104 College Board, or his or her designee;
- 105 (p) The Executive Director of AccelerateMS, or his or
106 her designee;
- 107 (q) An ecosystem coordinator;
- 108 (r) The Executive Director for the Mississippi
109 Development Authority or his or her designee;
- 110 (s) The Executive Director of Mississippi Economic
111 Development Council, or his or her designee;
- 112 (t) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Economic
113 Council or his or her designee;
- 114 (u) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
115 Manufacturing Association or his or her designee;
- 116 (v) A designee from a teachers' and a leaders'
117 association;
- 118 (w) A designee from the Mississippi School Boards
119 Association;
- 120 (x) A student representative;
- 121 (y) A parent representative; and
- 122 (z) Two (2) representatives from the 2022 Mississippi
123 International Education Legislative Study Group.



124 (4) (a) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days
125 after the effective date of this act. The commission shall hold
126 its first meeting before August 1, 2023. The Chairmen of the House
127 and Senate Education Committees shall serve as the inaugural
128 co-chairmen of the commission, thereafter the Chairmen of the
129 House and Senate Workforce Development Committees shall serve as
130 co-chairmen for the immediate successive year, followed by the
131 Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees serving
132 as co-chairman for the third year of the commission's
133 establishment. Beyond the first three (3) years, the designation
134 of the commission's co-chairmen shall repeat the same cycle of
135 service, however the Vice Chairmen of the respective House and
136 Senate Committees shall serve as co-chairmen.

137 (b) A majority of the members of the commission shall
138 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of the rules, resolutions
139 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
140 shall be required. All members shall be notified in writing of
141 all meetings, such notices shall be mailed at least five (5) days
142 before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

143 (c) The commission shall conclude its business no later
144 than June 30, 2027, and shall be dissolved on July 1, 2027.

145 (5) The commission may choose to conduct its business by
146 dividing into subcommittees, and, at the discretion of the
147 commission's chairman, appoint additional members with relevant
148 expertise to the subcommittees.



149 (6) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation
150 for their service on the commission, but may receive reimbursement
151 for mileage and actual expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41, to
152 the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

153 (7) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
154 department, division, board, bureau, committee or agency of the
155 state or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request
156 of any member of the commission, provide such facilities,
157 assistance, information and data as will enable the committee to
158 properly carry out its duties.

159 **SECTION 2.** All costs and expenses incurred by the Commission
160 on Education and Economic Competitiveness in procuring the
161 selection of a national consulting and professional learning
162 organization shall be paid out of any funds which are made
163 available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

164 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
165 and after July 1, 2023.

