

By: Representative Rosebud

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
 2 PROMINENTLY POST AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON ITS WEBSITE ABOUT THE  
 3 AVAILABILITY OF FREE ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE  
 4 INFORMATION TO INCLUDE A DIRECT LINK TO THE PAGE WHERE SUCH  
 5 SERVICES MAY BE ACCESSED; TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
 6 CHARTER SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN THE ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES TO  
 7 INCLUDE A SIMILAR WEBPAGE ANNOUNCEMENT AND TO SEND WRITTEN  
 8 REMINDERS AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL  
 9 STUDENTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ONLINE TUTORING; AND FOR  
 10 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Education shall  
 13 provide information about the availability of free, online  
 14 tutoring services available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven  
 15 (7) days per week, by prominently posting an announcement about  
 16 the services which is immediately visible to the public on opening  
 17 the primary page of the department's website. The announcement  
 18 must include a description of the different services available to  
 19 parents, students, teachers and administrators, including the  
 20 ability to: receive immediate assistance with a student's  
 21 homework assignments from a live person any time of the day;  
 22 schedule tutorial services for a later time, including evening and



23 weekend hours; and access services available for English learners  
24 and students with special needs. In order for the tutoring  
25 services to be readily accessible, the department shall include in  
26 the announcement a "Click Here" link that immediately redirects  
27 users from the department's website directly to the page where the  
28 tutoring services may be accessed.

29 (2) The State Department of Education shall require each  
30 school district and charter school that has opted in to receive  
31 the tutoring services to include an announcement similar in form  
32 and content to the announcement required under subsection (1) on  
33 the school district or charter school's website. In addition, if  
34 a school within a school district maintains a separate website  
35 specifically for that school, the announcement also must be posted  
36 on the school's website.

37 (3) At the beginning of each semester that the online  
38 tutoring services are available, each school district and charter  
39 school that has opted in to receive the services shall provide  
40 written notice to parents of elementary and middle school students  
41 and to high school students about the availability of the  
42 services. The notice must include, at a minimum, the information  
43 required to be included in the announcement under subsection (1).  
44 In addition, a school district or school within the district or  
45 charter school that utilizes email or a telecommunications  
46 application for mass communication of announcements may send



47 reminders periodically to parents and teachers about the  
48 availability of the online tutoring service.

49         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2023.

