

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2049

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, 2011, shall continue to receive the salary that  
15 he was receiving on January 1, 2011. From and after the  
16 completion of the term of the said superintendent serving on July  
17 1, \* \* \* 2022, the salary of the State Superintendent of Education  
18 shall be established by the State Board of Education, but not to



19 exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the national average for  
20 state superintendents as published by the Southern Regional  
21 Education Board (SREB). The State Superintendent of Public  
22 Education shall have at least a master's degree in any field and a  
23 minimum of five (5) years' experience in administration in the  
24 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, 2023.

