

By: Senator(s) Younger

To: Economic and Workforce  
Development; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2067

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-73-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 MODIFY THE DIRECTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FROM  
3 PILOTING A CAREER COACHING PROGRAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH  
4 SCHOOLS, TO IMPLEMENTING SUCH A PROGRAM FOR THE LONG TERM; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-73-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-73-3. (1) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature,  
10 the Office of Workforce Development shall \* \* \* implement a career  
11 coaching program to support middle schools and high schools as  
12 students are exposed, prepared and connected to career avenues  
13 within and beyond the classroom setting. Through strong  
14 partnerships with economic and business leaders, paired with  
15 viable relationships with school districts, the career coaches  
16 shall target the alignment of students' strengths with intentional  
17 academic and work-based learning in pursuit of meaningful  
18 professional employment.



19           (2) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Office  
20 of Workforce Development, working through the Department of  
21 Employment Security as fiscal agent, shall establish rules and  
22 regulations to operate the career coaching program, which may  
23 include granting funds to eligible recipients such as state  
24 agencies, regional workforce entities and other nonprofits, to  
25 hire coaches. The Office of Workforce Development shall establish  
26 criteria for coaches and shall work with partner organizations to  
27 identify candidates and measure outcomes.

28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after its passage.

