

By: Senator(s) Simmons (13th), Simmons
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To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2779

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PSYCHOLOGIST TO SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM
2 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE
3 OF PROMOTING THE HIRING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO
4 REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER AND DISTRIBUTE GRANT FUNDS;
5 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
6 THE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is hereby established the Psychologist
9 to Schools Grant Program.

10 (2) The Psychologist to Schools Grant Program shall be
11 administered by the Department of Education for the purpose of
12 promoting the hiring of psychologists in school districts. Such
13 psychologists shall be deployed to individual schools to help
14 students cope with mental health challenges.

15 (3) The Department of Education shall administer and
16 distribute grant funds to school districts for such purpose.

17 (4) Any grant funds that have not been expended at the end
18 of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund and shall
19 roll into the next fiscal year.



20 (5) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and
21 regulations to accomplish the purpose of the program.

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

