

By: Representative Currie

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-28-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CHANGE THE REPORT REQUIRED BY PEER ON ASSESSING THE SUFFICIENCY
3 OF FUNDING AND RECOMMENDED STATUTORY CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO
4 CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM ANNUALLY TO BIENNIALY; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-28-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-28-37. (1) Before October 1 of each year, beginning in
10 the year that the state has had at least one (1) charter school
11 operating for a full school year, the Mississippi Charter School
12 Authorizer Board shall issue to the Governor, Legislature, State
13 Board of Education and the public an annual report on the state's
14 charter schools for the preceding school year. The report must
15 include a comparison of the performance of charter school students
16 with the performance of academically, ethnically and economically
17 comparable groups of students in the school district in which a
18 charter school is located. In addition, the report must include
19 the authorizer's assessment of the successes, challenges and areas



20 for improvement in meeting the purposes of this chapter. The
21 report also must include an assessment on whether the number and
22 size of operating charter schools are sufficient to meet demand,
23 as calculated according to admissions data and the number of
24 students denied enrollment based on lottery results. The report
25 due from the authorizer under this section must be coordinated
26 with reports due from charter school governing boards, as near as
27 possible, to decrease or eliminate duplication.

28 (2) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance
29 Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall prepare * * * a
30 biennial report assessing the sufficiency of funding for charter
31 schools, the efficacy of the state formula for authorizer funding,
32 and any suggested changes in state law or policy necessary to
33 strengthen the state's charter schools.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2024.

