

By: Representative Scott

To: Education;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 608

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MOTIVATING PARENTS AND CHILDREN  
2 (M.P.A.C.) PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PROVIDE  
4 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT SERVICES TO FAMILIES OF COMPULSORY-SCHOOL-AGE  
5 CHILDREN; TO SET FORTH THE PURPOSES OF THE M.P.A.C. PILOT PROGRAM;  
6 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND  
7 IMPLEMENT THE M.P.A.C. PILOT PROGRAM; TO PRESCRIBE THE BASIC  
8 COMPONENTS OF SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS UNDER THE  
9 M.P.A.C. PILOT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION AND SELECTION  
10 PROCEDURE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN THE M.P.A.C. PILOT  
11 PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
12 REQUIRE PARENTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN THE M.P.A.C. PILOT PROGRAM; TO  
14 AMEND SECTION 63-1-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT  
15 CHILDREN UNDER 18 RESIDING IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN  
16 THE M.P.A.C. PILOT PROGRAM WHO WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL MAY HAVE THEIR  
17 DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-46, MISSISSIPPI  
18 CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT SUCH MINORS FROM LICENSE REINSTATEMENT  
19 FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN  
20 CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED  
21 PURPOSES.

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

23 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature finds that:

24 (a) Students who exhibit serious behavior problems in  
25 school become juvenile and adult offenders;



26 (b) A major contributing factor to this problem is a  
27 lack of positive parental involvement with both their children and  
28 school personnel;

29 (c) Growing numbers of children live in conditions that  
30 place them at risk of school failure;

31 (d) The provision of school and support services to  
32 these children and their families by public and nonprofit agencies  
33 is fragmented and does not prepare these children to learn  
34 effectively and have a successful school experience;

35 (e) The lack of collaboration among schools, families,  
36 local agencies and other groups involved in family support and  
37 youth development activities results in the inefficient and  
38 ineffective use of resources to meet the needs of these children;

39 (f) Schools are dedicating an increasing amount of time  
40 and resources to responding to disruptive and violent behavior  
41 rather than fulfilling their mission to challenge with high  
42 expectations each child to learn, to achieve and to fulfill his or  
43 her potential;

44 (g) The relationships between school failure,  
45 disruptive and violent behavior in schools, unemployment and  
46 criminal behavior are clear;

47 (h) Responding to the needs of students who are at risk  
48 of school failure and providing a safe and secure learning  
49 environment are cost-effective measures because they enable the  
50 state to substitute preventive measures for expensive and



51 reactionary crisis intervention through use of co-location of  
52 services and repositioning of staff; and

53 (i) Differing local needs and local resources  
54 necessitate the development of locally generated, community-based  
55 plans that coordinate and leverage existing resources, not the  
56 imposition of uniform and inflexible state-mandated plans.

57 (2) Subject to the appropriation of sufficient funds by the  
58 Legislature for such purpose, there is established within the  
59 State Department of Education the Motivating Parents and Children  
60 (M.P.A.C.) pilot program. The purposes of the program are:

61 (a) To provide grants to certain local school districts  
62 for innovative local programs that target juvenile crime by  
63 coordinating school and support services to children-at-risk and  
64 their families with required parental involvement;

65 (b) To enhance educational attainment through  
66 coordinated services to respond to the needs of students who are  
67 at risk of school failure and at risk of participation in juvenile  
68 crime; and

69 (c) To provide a safe and secure learning environment.

70 (3) The Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) pilot  
71 program described in this section must be conducted in six (6)  
72 school districts selected by the State Superintendent of Public  
73 Education with the approval of the State Board of Education, which  
74 school districts must represent the different geographical areas,  
75 population levels and economic levels of the state. Three (3)



76 districts must be selected from urban areas of the state, and  
77 three (3) districts must be selected from rural areas of the  
78 state. The department shall give preference to school districts  
79 that express a desire to participate in the pilot program. The  
80 program shall apply to all compulsory-school-age children residing  
81 in the pilot school districts and their custodial and noncustodial  
82 parents or legal guardians.

83 (4) The State Department of Education shall develop policies  
84 and procedures to administer the Motivating Parents and Children  
85 (M.P.A.C.) pilot programs.

86 (5) The selected pilot school districts shall implement the  
87 M.P.A.C. program beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, and in  
88 doing so, shall take the following actions:

89 (a) Employ a District M.P.A.C. Program Coordinator to  
90 be responsible for planning and coordinating activities for  
91 parents of school children and the delivery of integrated and  
92 comprehensive services to children and their families;

93 (b) Employ three (3) home-school coordinators, one (1)  
94 each to be assigned to the high schools, middle schools and  
95 elementary schools within the district;

96 (c) Develop and implement a program of family support  
97 services which is school-based and/or school-linked, designed  
98 according to the Communities In Schools (CIS) model. The M.P.A.C.  
99 program services must include a community advisory board,  
100 private/public partnerships, an assessment of community needs,



101 co-location of services, repositioned staff, parenting classes  
102 that include parent-child activities, and a structured plan for  
103 referrals and evaluation. The M.P.A.C. pilot program also may  
104 provide after-school care, adult literacy programs, early  
105 childhood education for children in high risk populations,  
106 alternate learning programs, peer mediation and conflict  
107 resolution activities;

108 (d) Train the M.P.A.C. program staff in the CIS model.  
109 Principles and practices evaluated and proven effective must be  
110 incorporated into the program design. Upon determination of the  
111 pilot sites, an orientation must be provided to all district  
112 staff. In addition, staff must be trained and developed on an  
113 ongoing basis to ensure maximum coordination and cooperation, with  
114 emphasis placed on learning how to effectively work with parents  
115 to enhance their participation level. The M.P.A.C. program  
116 services shall be designed to:

117 (i) Prepare children to attain academic and social  
118 success;

119 (ii) Enhance the ability of families to become  
120 advocates for and supporters of education for the children in  
121 their families;

122 (iii) Provide parenting classes to the parents of  
123 children who are at risk of school failure;

124 (iv) Provide adult literacy and employability  
125 skills classes for parents;



126 (v) Serve as a referral source for children and  
127 their families to ensure that needed services are accessed by  
128 those families; and

129 (vi) Otherwise enhance the ability of families to  
130 function as nurturing and effective family units;

131 (e) Require a parent or guardian to spend a day in  
132 school with his or her child after each violation of a major rule  
133 by the child. This action must be taken when the rule violated is  
134 major but not serious enough to warrant expulsion in order to  
135 invite parental intervention before a child is suspended or  
136 expelled. The parent or guardian may be required either to attend  
137 class with his or her child for a full day or to attend parenting  
138 classes offered at alternate times to accommodate the parent or  
139 guardian's work schedules and transportation issues. Failure to  
140 attend one (1) of the options will result in suspension of the  
141 child;

142 (f) Create an incentive program for children whose  
143 parent or guardian attends Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or  
144 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings and parenting classes  
145 and volunteers a minimum of ten (10) hours in the classroom.  
146 Examples of an incentive program include, but are not necessarily  
147 limited to:

148 (i) The issuance of an activity card that grants  
149 the child full admission to all school-sponsored activities, such  
150 as football and basketball games; and



151                   (ii) Exemption from certain classroom or  
152 laboratory fees as determined feasible by the local school board;

153                   (g) Create a program using volunteers to provide child  
154 care services for parents who volunteer, attend parenting classes  
155 and attend after-school or evening programs;

156                   (h) Create a summer employability skills/on-the-job  
157 training (OJT) fund. These funds may be expended by local school  
158 boards to provide job opportunities for juniors and seniors in  
159 high school. Employers and nonprofit organizations who  
160 participate in "Adopt-a-School" programs may qualify to employ  
161 such students during the summer. Wages up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00)  
162 per hour may be paid from the fund to eligible students who work  
163 for the employers or nonprofit organizations who are committed to  
164 participating in the "Adopt-a-School" program within the next  
165 school year; and

166                   (i) Require the pilot school districts to conduct a  
167 family needs assessment (FNA) once every three (3) years. The  
168 assessment should be coordinated with other community  
169 organizations, such as Head Start, to encourage collaboration and  
170 lessen duplication.

171                   (6) (a) A local school district may apply for a Motivating  
172 Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) pilot program grant, or up to  
173 three (3) adjacent local school districts may apply jointly for a  
174 grant.



175 (b) The application must include the following  
176 information:

177 (i) Data on the incidence of juvenile crime in the  
178 geographical area to be served by the grant. Sources of data may  
179 include the youth court in the county, the district attorney and  
180 local law enforcement officials;

181 (ii) An assessment of local resources from all  
182 sources for, and local deficiencies with regard to, responding to  
183 the needs of children who live in conditions that place them at  
184 risk of school failure; and

185 (iii) A detailed plan for removing barriers to  
186 success in school which exist for these children and coordinating  
187 services for parents and children as authorized under this  
188 section.

189 (7) In reviewing grant applications, the State  
190 Superintendent of Public Education shall consider: the prevalence  
191 of underserved students and families in low-income neighborhoods  
192 and in isolated rural areas in the area for which the grant is  
193 requested; the severity of the local problems with regard to  
194 children at risk of school failure and with regard to school  
195 discipline; whether the proposed program meets state standards;  
196 and the likelihood that the locally designed plan will deal with  
197 the problems successfully. During the review process, the  
198 superintendent may recommend modifications in grant applications  
199 to applicants. The superintendent shall submit recommendations to





200 the State Board of Education as to which applicants should receive  
201 grants and the amount they should receive.

202 In selecting grant recipients, the State Board of Education  
203 shall consider: (a) the recommendations of the superintendent;  
204 (b) the geographic location of the applicants; and (c) the  
205 demographic profile of the applicants. After considering these  
206 factors, the State Board of Education shall give priority to grant  
207 applications that will serve areas that have a high incidence of  
208 juvenile crime to serve as models for other communities. The  
209 State Board of Education shall select the grant recipients before  
210 July 1, 2025, for local programs that will be in operation at the  
211 beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, and thereafter, before  
212 July 1 for the appropriate school year.

213 A grant recipient may request a modification of a grant or  
214 additional funds to implement a grant through the grant  
215 application process. The request must be reviewed and accepted or  
216 rejected in the same manner as a grant application.

217 (8) The State Department of Education shall administer the  
218 grant program under the direction of the State Board of Education.  
219 The State Department of Education shall provide technical  
220 assistance to grant applicants and recipients.

221 (9) All agencies of the state and local government,  
222 including departments of human services, health departments, local  
223 mental health and mental retardation agencies, court personnel,  
224 law enforcement agencies and municipalities and counties shall



225 cooperate with the State Department of Education and local school  
226 boards that receive grants by co-locating services and  
227 repositioning staff.

228 (10) The State Department of Education shall develop and  
229 implement an evaluation system, under the direction of the State  
230 Board of Education, that will assess the efficiency and  
231 effectiveness of the M.P.A.C. program.

232 (11) Any child in a pilot school district who is suspended  
233 from school shall have his driver's license suspended for one (1)  
234 calendar year by the Department of Public Safety.

235 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-11-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
236 amended as follows:

237 37-11-53. (1) A copy of the school district's discipline  
238 plan shall be distributed to each student enrolled in the  
239 district, and the parents, guardian or custodian of the student  
240 shall sign a statement verifying that they have been given notice  
241 of the discipline policies of their respective school district.  
242 The school board shall have its official discipline plan and code  
243 of student conduct legally audited on an annual basis to insure  
244 that its policies and procedures are currently in compliance with  
245 applicable statutes, case law and state and federal constitutional  
246 provisions. \* \* \* The provisions of this section, Section  
247 37-11-55 and Section 37-11-18.1 shall be fully incorporated into  
248 the school district's discipline plan and code of student conduct.



249 (2) All discipline plans of school districts shall include,  
250 but not be limited to, the following:

251 (a) A parent, guardian or custodian of a  
252 compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a public school district  
253 shall be responsible financially for his or her minor child's  
254 destructive acts against school property or persons;

255 (b) A parent, guardian or custodian of a  
256 compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a public school district  
257 may be requested to appear at school by the school attendance  
258 officer or an appropriate school official for a conference  
259 regarding acts of the child specified in paragraph (a) of this  
260 subsection, or for any other discipline conference regarding the  
261 acts of the child;

262 (c) Any parent, guardian or custodian of a  
263 compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a school district who  
264 refuses or willfully fails to attend the discipline conference  
265 specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection may be summoned by  
266 proper notification by the superintendent of schools or the school  
267 attendance officer and be required to attend the discipline  
268 conference or parenting classes scheduled to accommodate the  
269 working hours and transportation needs of the parent, guardian or  
270 custodian; \* \* \*

271 (d) A parent, guardian or custodian of a  
272 compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a public school district  
273 shall be responsible for any criminal fines brought against the



274 student for unlawful activity occurring on school grounds or  
275 buses; and

276 (e) A parent, guardian or custodian of a  
277 compulsory-school-age child enrolled in a public school in a  
278 school district participating in a Motivating Parents and Children  
279 (M.P.A.C.) pilot program, as established under Section 1 of this  
280 act, who has been summoned by proper notification by an  
281 appropriate school official to attend a conference, school  
282 meeting, after-school meeting or class regarding the acts of the  
283 child or parent specified under the program must attend the  
284 conference, school meeting, after-school meeting or class;  
285 however, scheduling of the conference, meeting or class must be  
286 sensitive to the parent's work hours and transportation needs.

287 (3) Any parent, guardian or custodian of a  
288 compulsory-school-age child who (a) fails to attend a discipline  
289 conference to the parent, guardian or custodian has been summoned  
290 under the provisions of this section, or (b) refuses or willfully  
291 fails to perform any other duties imposed upon him or her under  
292 the provisions of this section, must be given the opportunity to  
293 enroll in a series of parenting classes consisting of not less  
294 than twenty (20) hours of instruction as developed by the M.P.A.C.  
295 program coordinator and appropriate to the age of the parent's  
296 child. If the parent does not attend the series of classes, the  
297 parent shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,  
298 shall be fined not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).



299 (4) Any public school district shall be entitled to recover  
300 damages in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars  
301 (\$20,000.00), plus necessary court costs, from the parents of any  
302 minor under the age of eighteen (18) years and over the age of six  
303 (6) years, who maliciously and willfully damages or destroys  
304 property belonging to the school district. However, this section  
305 shall not apply to parents whose parental control of such child  
306 has been removed by court order or decree. The action authorized  
307 in this section shall be in addition to all other actions that the  
308 school district is entitled to maintain and nothing in this  
309 section shall preclude recovery in a greater amount from the minor  
310 or from a person, including the parents, for damages to which the  
311 minor or other person would otherwise be liable.

312 (5) A school district's discipline plan may provide that as  
313 an alternative to suspension, a student may remain in school by  
314 having the parent, guardian or custodian, with the consent of the  
315 student's teacher or teachers, attend class with the student for a  
316 period of time specifically agreed upon by the reporting teacher  
317 and school principal. If the parent, guardian or custodian does  
318 not agree to attend class with the student or fails to attend  
319 class with the student, the student shall be suspended in  
320 accordance with the code of student conduct and discipline  
321 policies of the school district.

322 **SECTION 3.** Section 63-1-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
323 amended as follows:



324           63-1-10. (1) Upon the written request of a parent or  
325 guardian of any applicant for a license under eighteen (18) years  
326 of age, the school district in which the applicant is enrolled  
327 shall submit documentation to the Department of Public Safety  
328 verifying that the applicant is in compliance with Section  
329 63-1-9(1)(g). The verification shall be signed by the school  
330 principal or his designee, or, in the case of a home study  
331 program, the parent, or the adult education supervisor of the  
332 General Educational Development Program or his designee. If the  
333 student is enrolled in a nonpublic school, the school principal or  
334 his designee is encouraged to submit the verification on behalf of  
335 the student. Documentation of the applicant's enrollment status  
336 shall be submitted on a form designed by the State Department of  
337 Education that includes the written signed and notarized parent or  
338 guardian's consent authorizing the release of the applicant's  
339 attendance records to the Department of Public Safety, as approved  
340 by the Department of Public Safety, in a manner that insures the  
341 authenticity of the form and the information or signature  
342 contained thereon, including via facsimile. The forms required  
343 under this section to provide documentation shall be made  
344 available to all public high schools, private schools accredited  
345 by the State Board of Education, adult education supervisors at  
346 school board offices and, upon request, to others through the  
347 Department of Public Safety.



348 (2) Whenever an applicant or licensee \* \* \* under eighteen  
349 (18) years of age is unable to attend any school program due to  
350 acceptable circumstances, the school where the student last  
351 attended shall transmit documentation to the department to excuse  
352 the student from the provisions of Section 63-1-9(1)(g). The  
353 school principal or his designee shall determine whether  
354 nonattendance or absences are excused under Section 37-13-91. For  
355 purposes of this section, suspension or expulsion from school or  
356 incarceration in a correctional institution is not an acceptable  
357 circumstance for a person being unable to attend school.

358 (3) Any person denied a license for failure to satisfy the  
359 education requirements of Section 63-1-9(1)(g) shall have the  
360 right to file a request within thirty (30) days thereafter for a  
361 hearing before the Department of Public Safety to determine  
362 whether the person is entitled to a license or is subject to the  
363 cancellation of his license under the provisions of this section.  
364 The hearing shall be held within ten (10) days of the receipt by  
365 the department of the request. Appeal from the decision of the  
366 department may be taken under Section 63-1-31.

367 (4) Whenever a licensee under the age of eighteen (18) years  
368 who resides in a school district participating in the Motivating  
369 Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) program established under Section  
370 1 of this act, and who has not attained a diploma or other  
371 certificate of graduation, withdraws or is suspended from his or  
372 her educational instruction, the attendance counselor, parent,



373 guardian or school administrator designated by the State Board of  
374 Education to verify the applicant's educational status under the  
375 provisions of the program, in his or her discretion, may notify  
376 immediately the Department of Public Safety of the student's  
377 withdrawal or suspension. Within five (5) days of receipt of the  
378 notice, the Department of Public Safety shall send notice to the  
379 licensee that the license will be suspended automatically for one  
380 (1) year under Section 63-1-53 on the thirtieth day following the  
381 date the notice was sent unless documentation of compliance with  
382 subsection (2) of this section is received by the department  
383 before that date. For the purposes of this subsection,  
384 "withdrawal" is defined as more than ten (10) consecutive  
385 unexcused and unlawful absences during a single semester for  
386 compulsory-school-age applicants.

387       **SECTION 4.** Section 63-1-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
388 amended as follows:

389       63-1-46. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this  
390 section, a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged  
391 for the reinstatement of a license issued under this article to  
392 every person whose license has been validly suspended, revoked or  
393 cancelled, except those persons whose license was suspended under  
394 Section 63-1-53(2)(i).

395       (b) The funds received under the provisions of this  
396 subsection shall be distributed as follows:





397 (i) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
398 deposited into the State General Fund in accordance with Section  
399 45-1-23;

400 (ii) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to  
401 the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System  
402 for funding the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement  
403 System as provided under Section 25-13-7;

404 (iii) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
405 deposited into the special fund created in Section 63-1-45(3) for  
406 purchases of equipment by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;  
407 and

408 (iv) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
409 deposited into the Interlock Device Fund created in Section  
410 63-11-33.

411 (2) (a) A fee of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00)  
412 shall be charged for the reinstatement of a license issued under  
413 this article to every person whose license has been validly  
414 suspended or revoked under the provisions of the Mississippi  
415 Implied Consent Law.

416 (b) The funds received under the provisions of this  
417 subsection shall be distributed as follows:

418 (i) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be  
419 deposited into the State General Fund in accordance with Section  
420 45-1-23;



421                   (ii) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to  
422 the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System  
423 for funding the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement  
424 System as provided under Section 25-13-7;

425                   (iii) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
426 deposited into the special fund created in Section 63-1-45(3) for  
427 purchases of equipment by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;  
428 and

429                   (iv) Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
430 deposited into the Interlock Device Fund created in Section  
431 63-11-33.

432           (3) (a) A fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be  
433 charged for the reinstatement of a license issued under this  
434 article to every person whose license has been validly suspended  
435 for nonpayment of child support under the provisions of Sections  
436 93-11-151 through 93-11-163. The funds received under the  
437 provisions of this subsection shall be deposited into the State  
438 General Fund in accordance with Section 45-1-23.

439                   (b) The procedure for the reinstatement of a license  
440 issued under this article that has been suspended for being out of  
441 compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section  
442 93-11-153, and the payment of any fees for the reinstatement of a  
443 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section  
444 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be.



445 (4) A fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) will be charged  
446 for the reinstatement of a license that was suspended due to  
447 payment by a draft or other instrument that is dishonored by the  
448 payor.

449 (5) All reinstatement fees charged under this section shall  
450 be in addition to the fees prescribed in Section 63-1-43.

451 **SECTION 5.** Section 63-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
452 amended as follows:

453 63-1-53. (1) Upon failure of any person to pay timely any  
454 fine, fee or assessment levied as a result of any violation of  
455 this title, the clerk of the court shall give written notice to  
456 such person by United States first-class mail at his or her last  
457 known address advising such person that, if within ninety (90)  
458 days after such notice is deposited in the mail, the person has  
459 not paid the entire amount of all fines, fees and assessments  
460 levied, then the court will pursue collection as for any other  
461 delinquent payment, and shall be entitled to collection of all  
462 additional fees in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.

463 (2) The commissioner is hereby authorized to suspend the  
464 license of an operator without preliminary hearing upon a showing  
465 by his or her records or other sufficient evidence that the  
466 licensee:

467 (a) Has committed an offense for which mandatory  
468 revocation of license is required upon conviction except under the  
469 provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law;



470 (b) Has been involved as a driver in any accident  
471 resulting in the death or personal injury of another or serious  
472 property damage;

473 (c) Is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a  
474 motor vehicle;

475 (d) Has been convicted with such frequency of serious  
476 offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of  
477 vehicles as to indicate a disrespect for traffic laws and a  
478 disregard for the safety of other persons on the highways;

479 (e) Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;

480 (f) Has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of such  
481 license;

482 (g) Has committed an offense in another state which if  
483 committed in this state would be grounds for suspension or  
484 revocation; \* \* \*

485 (h) Has committed a violation for which mandatory  
486 revocation of license is required upon conviction, entering a plea  
487 of nolo contendere to, or adjudication of delinquency, pursuant to  
488 the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 63-1-71 \* \* \*; or

489 (i) Is under the age of eighteen (18) years and has  
490 withdrawn or been suspended from his or her educational  
491 instruction program, as reported to the Department of Public  
492 Safety under Section 63-1-10(4).

493 (3) Notice that a person's license is suspended or will be  
494 suspended under subsection (2) of this section shall be given by



495 the commissioner in the manner and at the time provided for under  
496 Section 63-1-52, and upon such person's request, he or she shall  
497 be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as early as practicable,  
498 but not to exceed twenty (20) days after receipt of such request  
499 in the county wherein the licensee resides unless the department  
500 and the licensee agree that such hearing may be held in some other  
501 county. Upon such hearing the commissioner, or his or her duly  
502 authorized agent, may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for  
503 the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books  
504 and papers and may require a reexamination of the licensee. Upon  
505 such hearing the commissioner shall either rescind any order of  
506 suspension or, good cause appearing therefor, may extend any  
507 suspension of such license or revoke such license.

508 (4) If a licensee has not paid all cash appearance bonds  
509 authorized under Section 99-19-3 or all fines, fees or other  
510 assessments levied as a result of a violation of this title within  
511 ninety (90) days after receiving notice of the licensee's failure  
512 to pay all fines, fees or other assessments as provided in  
513 subsection (1) of this section, the court is authorized to pursue  
514 collection under Section 21-17-1(6) or 19-3-41(2) as for any other  
515 delinquent payment, and shall be entitled to collection of all  
516 additional fees authorized under those sections.

517 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
518 and after July 1, 2024.

