

By: Representative Roberson

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1193

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO IMPOSE A FINE AS AN
3 ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENDING THE LICENSE OF AN APPOINTED SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPAL OR LICENSED EMPLOYEE WHO
5 ABANDONS EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT BEING RELEASED FROM THE PERSON'S
6 CONTRACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-9-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-9-57. If any appointed superintendent, principal or
11 licensed employee in any public school of this state shall
12 arbitrarily or willfully breach his or her contract and abandon
13 his or her employment without being released * * * from the
14 contract as provided in Section 37-9-55, the contract of such
15 superintendent, principal or licensed employee shall be null and
16 void. In addition * * *, the State Board of Education may impose
17 a fine or suspend the license of such superintendent, principal or
18 licensed employee * * * for a period of one (1) school year, as
19 provided in Section * * * 37-3-2(12), upon written recommendation



20 of the majority of the members of the school board of the school
21 district involved.

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

