

By: Representative Felsher

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1692

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT THE STATEWIDE COORDINATOR FOR JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER
3 TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
4 EDUCATION FROM THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD QUALIFICATION; TO MAKE
5 SUCH POSITION EQUIVALENT TO A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITHIN THE
6 DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-3-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-3-95. (1) Subject to the availability of funding for
11 such purpose, the State Superintendent of Public Education shall
12 employ within the State Department of Education or, in the
13 alternative, contract with the Mississippi Military Department for
14 a statewide coordinator for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
15 (JROTC) programs in the public schools. If employed by the State
16 Department of Education, the JROTC statewide coordinator must be
17 an active or retired member of the military and must meet any
18 additional qualifications that may be established for the position
19 by the State Superintendent of Public Education * * * and shall
20 hold a position comparable to a Deputy Director.



21 (2) The following are the powers and duties of the JROTC
22 statewide coordinator:

23 (a) To coordinate training of new JROTC instructors and
24 continuing education programs for certified instructors;

25 (b) To facilitate communication between JROTC programs
26 in the various public schools;

27 (c) To assist in organizing competitions among JROTC
28 units from different high schools;

29 (d) To assist in the development of the JROTC
30 curriculum;

31 (e) To compile information on scholarships available to
32 JROTC participants and to solicit support for such scholarships;

33 (f) To assist in establishing support groups for
34 parents of students participating in a JROTC program;

35 (g) To solicit and accept financial support for JROTC
36 programs from private sector donors;

37 (h) To promote the involvement of JROTC units within
38 their local communities;

39 (i) To facilitate interaction between JROTC units and
40 the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Air National Guard;

41 (j) To promote, in general, the JROTC program in high
42 schools throughout the state;

43 (k) To assist local schools with the application
44 process for establishing new JROTC programs in high schools; and



45 (1) To perform such other duties relating to the JROTC
46 program established by the State Superintendent of Public
47 Education or State Board of Education.

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

