

By: Senator(s) DeBar

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2245

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT AGGREGATE DATA
3 THAT DOES NOT DISCLOSE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF
4 STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-15-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-15-6. For the purpose of providing notice to public and
9 private school officials, both within and outside the boundaries
10 of the state, of the expulsion of any public school student, the
11 State Department of Education may develop a central reporting
12 system for maintaining information concerning each expulsion from
13 a public school. In establishing and maintaining the reporting
14 system, the department may require each school district and
15 charter school to report, within a certain period of time after an
16 expulsion, as established by the department, information such as
17 the following:

- 18 (a) The name of the student expelled;
- 19 (b) The date the student was expelled;



- 20 (c) The age of the student at the time of the
21 expulsion;
- 22 (d) The school from which the student was expelled;
- 23 (e) The reason for the expulsion, including a detailed
24 description of the student's act or acts;
- 25 (f) The duration of the period of expulsion, if not
26 indefinite; and
- 27 (g) Any other information that the department deems
28 necessary for school officials in a public or private school,
29 where a student is seeking enrollment, to determine whether or not
30 a student should be denied enrollment based upon a previous
31 expulsion.

32 Any information maintained by the department under the
33 authority of this section shall be strictly confidential. The
34 information shall be available to school officials at a public or
35 private school only upon their request and only when a student
36 seeks enrollment or admission to that school. In no case shall
37 the information * * * pertaining to an individual student be
38 available to the general public. Aggregate reporting that does
39 not disclose any personally identifiable information shall be
40 permitted.

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

