

By: Representative Felsher

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 810

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 AN EDUCATOR PROGRAM  
6 ADMINISTRATOR/SUPERVISOR WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZATIONAL  
7 STRUCTURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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



21 hold a position comparable to an Education Program  
22 Administrator/Supervisor.

23 (2) The following are the powers and duties of the JROTC  
24 statewide coordinator:

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

27 (b) To facilitate communication between JROTC programs  
28 in the various public schools;

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

31 (d) To assist in the development of the JROTC  
32 curriculum;

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

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

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

39 (h) To promote the involvement of JROTC units within  
40 their local communities;

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

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



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

47                   (l) To perform such other duties relating to the JROTC  
48 program established by the State Superintendent of Public  
49 Education or State Board of Education.

50           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
51 and after July 1, 2025.

