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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 1555

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT TASK
2 FORCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE
3 THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi Curriculum
6 Alignment Task Force to review and make recommendations on how to
7 align the curriculum at the secondary and post secondary levels
8 throughout the state.

9 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following
10 members:

11 (a) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community
12 College Board, or his or her designee;

13 (b) The Superintendent of the Mississippi Department of
14 Education, or his or her designee;

15 (c) The Executive Director of the Office of Workforce
16 Development, or his or her designee;



(d) Two (2) members who represent the community and junior colleges, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(e) Two (2) members who represent the Mississippi Department of Education, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(f) Two (2) members from the Office of Workforce Development, to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development;

(g) The Chair of the Mississippi House of Representatives Workforce Development Committee;

(h) The Chair of the Mississippi House of Representatives Education Committee;

(i) The Chair of the Mississippi House of Representatives Universities and Colleges Committee;

(j) The Chair of the Mississippi Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee;

(k) The Chair of the Mississippi Senate Education Committee; and

(l) The Chair of the Mississippi Senate Universities and Colleges Committee.

(3) The duties of the task force shall include the following:



40 (a) Study the curriculum at the secondary and
41 post-secondary levels and determine the best ways to align those
42 curriculums so that the best interest of the students are met;

43 (b) Examine the high school experience and the
44 community college experience and determine what each experience
45 should incorporate;

46 (c) Analyze the Carnegie units currently required at
47 the secondary level and determine if those properly align with
48 what is best for each student enrolled in this state;

49 (d) Calculate the funding that would be necessary to
50 properly align the curriculum at the secondary and post-secondary
51 levels; and

52 (e) Determine what state law changes are needed, if
53 any, to align the curriculum at the secondary and post-secondary
54 levels.

55 (4) (a) Appointments to the task force shall be made within
56 thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act. Within
57 fifteen (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by
58 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Lieutenant
59 Governor, the task force shall meet and organize by selecting from
60 its membership a chair and a vice chair. The vice chair shall
61 also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all
62 records of the task force. A majority of the members of the task
63 force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers
64 and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative



65 vote of a majority of the task force shall be required. All
66 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and those
67 notices shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date
68 on which a meeting is to be held.

69 (b) The task force shall meet at least once each month
70 and provide monthly reports to the Legislature on its activities.

71 (c) The task force shall make a final report of its
72 findings and recommendations, including any recommended
73 legislation, to the Legislature not later than December 1, 2025,
74 at which time the task force will be dissolved.

75 (5) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation
76 for their service on the task force, but may receive reimbursement
77 for mileage and actual expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41, to
78 the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

79 (6) The Mississippi Department of Education shall provide
80 the staff and other support necessary for the task force to
81 perform its duties.

82 (7) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department,
83 division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the
84 state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request
85 of the chairman of the task force, provide the facilities,
86 assistance, information and data needed to enable the task force
87 to carry out its duties.

88 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
89 and after its passage.

