

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 1555

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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 Commissioner of the Board of Trustees of State
16 Institutions of Higher Learning, or his or her designee;

17 (d) The Executive Director of the Office of Workforce
18 Development, or his or her designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 (4) (a) Appointments to the task force shall be made within
58 thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act. Within
59 fifteen (15) days thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by
60 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Lieutenant
61 Governor, the task force shall meet and organize by selecting from
62 its membership a chair and a vice chair. The vice chair shall
63 also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for keeping all
64 records of the task force. A majority of the members of the task
65 force shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers
66 and the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative
67 vote of a majority of the task force shall be required. All
68 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and those
69 notices shall be mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date
70 on which a meeting is to be held.

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

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

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

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

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

90 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
91 and after its passage, and shall stand repealed on the day before
92 its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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.

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