

*****Adopted*****

AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 694

By Senator(s) Ferris

1 **AMEND** by inserting the following section before Section 1 and
2 **renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:**

3 SECTION *. Section 37-9-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 37-9-201. As used in Sections 37-9-201 through 37-9-213:

6 (a) "Beginning teacher" means a teacher who:

7 (i) Possesses a teaching license issued by the
8 Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification
9 and Licensure and Development;

10 (ii) At the time of selection, is employed under
11 contract primarily as a classroom teacher by a public school
12 district or is retired from a public school district; and

13 (iii) Has taught fewer than ninety (90)
14 consecutive days, or one hundred eighty (180) days total, as a
15 licensed teacher in any public school.

16 (b) "District" means any local school district.

17 (c) "Formal assistance" means a program provided by a
18 mentor teacher to a beginning teacher that includes, but is not
19 limited to, direct classroom observation and consultation;
20 assistance in instructional planning and preparation; support in
21 implementation and delivery of classroom instruction; and other
22 assistance intended to enhance the professional performance and
23 development of the beginning teacher.

24 (d) "Mentor teacher" means a teacher who:
25 (i) Possesses a standard teaching personnel
26 service or administrative license issued by the Commission on
27 Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure
28 and Development;
29 (ii) Is employed at the time of selection under
30 contract primarily as a classroom teacher by a school district in
31 this state;
32 (iii) Has successfully taught for three (3) or
33 more years as a licensed teacher in any public school;
34 (iv) Has been selected and trained as described in
35 Section 37-9-211; and
36 (v) Has demonstrated mastery of teaching skills
37 and subject matter knowledge.
38 (e) "Teacher" means a licensed employee of a local
39 school district who has direct responsibility for instruction,
40 coordination of educational programs or supervision of teachers
41 and who is compensated for services from public funds.
42 **FURTHER, amend the title by inserting the following after**
43 **"ACT" on line 1:**
44 TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY
45 THAT MENTOR TEACHERS MAY BE RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING CERTAIN
46 QUALIFICATIONS;