

By: Representative Warren

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF  
3 COMPLETION FOR THEIR ANNUAL COURSE OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION FROM  
4 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN THE JUDICIAL  
5 COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 37-13-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-13-107. (1) Every school attendance officer shall be  
10 required annually to attend and complete a comprehensive course of  
11 training and education which is provided or approved by the Office  
12 of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement of the State  
13 Department of Education. Attendance shall be required beginning  
14 with the first training seminar conducted after the school  
15 attendance officer is employed as a school attendance officer.

16 (2) The Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement  
17 shall provide or approve a course of training and education for  
18 school attendance officers of the state. The course shall consist  
19 of at least twelve (12) hours of training per year. The content  
20 of the course of training and when and where it is to be conducted  
21 shall be approved by the office. A certificate of completion  
22 shall be furnished by the State Department of Education to those  
23 school attendance officers who complete the course. Each  
24 certificate shall be made a permanent record of the school  
25 attendance officer supervisor's office where the school attendance  
26 officer is employed.

27 (3) Upon the failure of any person employed as a school  
28 attendance officer to receive the certificate of completion from



29 the State Department of Education within the first year of his  
30 employment, the person shall not be allowed to carry out any of  
31 the duties of a school attendance officer and shall not be  
32 entitled to compensation for the period of time during which the  
33 certificate has not been obtained \* \* \*.

34 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2001.

