

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th)

To: Education;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2930

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE JAZZ EDUCATION  
3 CLASSES IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12 AND JAZZ PERFORMANCE  
4 CLASSES IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 BEGINNING WITH THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL  
5 YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A CURRICULUM COORDINATOR OF JAZZ MUSIC; AND  
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 37-3-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 37-3-79. (1) The State Department of Education shall employ  
11 a Curriculum Coordinator of Music and Art Education who holds  
12 certification as a music and/or art teacher. The coordinator's  
13 responsibilities shall include the oversight of the elementary  
14 music/art programs as well as secondary programs.

15 (2) Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, the State  
16 Board of Education shall, for purposes of accreditation, require  
17 all school districts to offer and require attendance in age  
18 appropriate jazz music education classes in Grades K through 12  
19 and jazz music performance classes in Grades 6 through 12. The  
20 State Department of Education shall employ a Curriculum  
21 Coordinator of Jazz Music Education and Performance who holds  
22 certification as a music educator or a bachelor's degree in  
23 applied music. The coordinator's responsibilities shall include  
24 the oversight of the jazz music education and jazz music  
25 performance programs in the appropriate grades.

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