

By: Representative Moody

To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-31-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO CLARIFY THAT PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
3 PERFORM SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES MAY USE THE SAME TITLES AS
4 THOSE PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO PERFORM THOSE
5 SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-31-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 73-31-27. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
10 limit:

11 (a) The activities, services, and use of an official
12 title on the part of a person in the employ of a federal, state,
13 county or municipal agency, or of other political subdivisions, or
14 any educational institution chartered by the state, insofar as
15 such activities, services and use of an official title are a part
16 of the duties of his office or position with such agency or
17 institution; or

18 (b) The activities, services and use of an official
19 title on the part of a person in the employ of an exempt
20 organization (in any state) who may be employed by another exempt
21 organization for a consulting fee; or

22 (c) The activities and services of a student, intern or
23 trainee in psychology pursuing a course of study in psychology at
24 an institution of higher education, if these activities and
25 services constitute a part of his supervised course of study; or

26 (d) The services and activities of members of other
27 professional groups licensed or certified by the State of
28 Mississippi who perform work of a psychological nature consistent



29 with their training, work experience history, and with any code of
30 ethics of their respective professions, provided they do not hold
31 themselves out to be psychologists. The practice of psychology as
32 defined by this act overlaps with the activities of other
33 professional groups and it is not the intent of this act to
34 regulate the activities of these professional groups.

35 (2) Individuals certified by the Mississippi State
36 Department of Education may use appropriate titles such as "school
37 psychologist," "certified school psychologist," "educational
38 psychologist" or "psychometrist" only when they are employed by
39 or under contract with a school district and practicing in school
40 or educational settings.

41 (3) Lecturers from any school or college may utilize their
42 academic or research title when invited to present lectures to
43 institutions or organizations.

44 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
45 2011.

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

