

By: Senator(s) Chaney, King

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2313

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-151-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
3 TECHNOLOGY SHALL BE MADE WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE
4 SENATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-151-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-151-17. (1) There is established the Council for
9 Education Technology, which shall be an advisory group attached to
10 the Board of the Department of Information Technology Services and
11 the State Board of Education. The council shall develop a master
12 plan for education technology.

13 (2) (a) The council shall consist of the following members
14 who shall serve as ex officio voting members:

15 (i) The Director of the Management Information
16 Services in the Department of Education;

17 (ii) The Director of Educational Technology in the
18 Department of Education;

19 (iii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
20 Department of Information Technology Services;

21 (iv) The Executive Director of Mississippi Public
22 Broadcasting;

23 (v) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
24 Library Commission;

25 (vi) The Executive Director of the State Board for
26 Community and Junior Colleges; and

27 (vii) The Commissioner of Higher Education.

28 (b) The following eight (8) members to be appointed no
29 later than August 1, 2004, as follows:

30 (i) One (1) member appointed by the State Board of
31 Education;

32 (ii) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor;

33 (iii) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant
34 Governor;

35 (iv) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of
36 the House;

37 (v) One (1) member of the Mississippi Educational
38 Computing Association to be appointed by the State Superintendent
39 of Public Education;

40 (vi) One (1) member appointed by the Board of
41 Information Technology Services; and

42 (vii) One (1) member appointed by the Executive
43 Director of the Mississippi Development Authority.

44 All appointments to the council shall be made with the advice
45 and consent of the Senate.

46 All appointed members of the council shall have a
47 demonstrated knowledge in the use, applications and specifications
48 of education technology. A majority of the membership present at
49 any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the official conduct of
50 business.

51 (c) Members appointed to the council before August 1,
52 2004, shall be subject to reappointment or replacement by the
53 appointing entity.

54 (3) Members shall be appointed for four-year terms and may
55 be reappointed for one (1) additional four-year term. Members may
56 be reimbursed for mileage and actual and necessary expenses in
57 accordance with state law, and members who are not state officers
58 or employees shall receive per diem as authorized in Section
59 25-3-69.

60 (4) Immediately upon receiving notice of the appointment of
61 all members, the Executive Director of the Department of
62 Information and Technology Services shall call an organizational
63 meeting no later than September 15, 2004, and shall serve as
64 chairperson of the council for the first year beginning with the
65 date of the organizational meeting. The council shall elect from
66 among the members any other officers it deems necessary, and
67 define the duties of the officers. The council shall annually
68 elect a chairperson and no member shall serve more than two (2)
69 consecutive years as chairperson.

70 (5) Meetings shall be held at least four (4) times per year,
71 or upon call of the chairperson, at a time and place designated by
72 the chairperson. The Department of Information and Technology
73 Services and the State Department of Education shall provide staff
74 support for the council.

75 (6) The duties and responsibilities of the council shall
76 include, but not be limited to, the following:

77 (a) Developing and updating annually a long-range
78 master plan for the efficient and equitable use of technology at
79 all levels from primary school through higher education, including
80 vocational and adult education. The plan shall focus on the
81 technology requirements of classroom instruction, literacy
82 laboratories, student record management, financial and
83 administrative management, distance learning and communications as
84 they relate to the state's performance goals for students. The
85 annual plan shall include specific and detailed cost projections
86 and analysis related to its implementation. The plan shall be
87 presented to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology
88 Services for approval and a copy shall be provided annually to the
89 Legislature no later than November 1, highlighting any cost
90 projections and a detailed budget and justifications for
91 implementation of the plan;

92 (b) Creating, overseeing and monitoring a well-planned
93 and efficient statewide network of technology services designed to
94 meet the educational and informational needs of the schools;

95 (c) Working with private enterprise to encourage the
96 development of technology products specifically designed to answer
97 Mississippi's educational needs;

98 (d) Encouraging an environment receptive to
99 technological progress in education throughout the state;

100 (e) Working with other state entities to maximize the
101 use and benefit of the state's technology infrastructure, to avoid
102 duplication of public and private resources and to maximize the
103 purchasing ability of the state. When appropriate, shared
104 resources and competitive bidding shall be used; and

105 (f) Ensuring collaboration of all education entities to
106 maximize efficiency and cost savings and to enhance the
107 utilization of education technology as a means of impacting the
108 shortage of teachers.

109 All contracts, requests for proposals and bid awards shall be
110 subject to the approval of the Mississippi Department of
111 Information Technology Services.

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