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To: Universities and
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2761

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-4-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE STATUTE PROVIDING FOR THE
3 TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND ADULT SHORT-TERM TRAINING
4 PROGRAMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-4-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-4-11. (1) The purpose of this section is to insure the
10 uniform management, oversight and accountability of the
11 state-funded Industrial Training Programs, and postsecondary Adult
12 Short-Term Training Programs and Workforce Education Programs
13 administered by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
14 for adults provided to the citizens of Mississippi.

15 (2) Effective July 1, 1999, all state-funded Industrial
16 Training Programs and postsecondary Adult Short-term Training
17 Programs administered by and through the State Department of
18 Education on June 30, 1999, shall be transferred to the Workforce
19 Education Program of the State Board for Community and Junior
20 Colleges. The Legislature shall appropriate annually to the State
21 Board for Community and Junior Colleges funds necessary to
22 administer these programs.

23 (3) Effective July 1, 1999, all funds, unexpended balances,
24 assets, liabilities and property of the State Department of
25 Education which are used in the delivery of postsecondary Adult
26 Short-term Training Programs and Industrial Training Programs,
27 excluding funds, unexpended balances, assets, liabilities and
28 property associated with the Research and Curriculum Unit at

29 Mississippi State University, shall be transferred to the
30 Workforce Education Program funds of the State Board for Community
31 and Junior Colleges. The State Department of Education also shall
32 transfer to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges all
33 positions and funds employed by the State Department of Education
34 and community colleges which render industrial training,
35 postsecondary adult short-term training or workforce education
36 services, including the seven (7) administrative and support
37 positions providing support to these programs. Sufficient staff
38 positions shall be transferred from the State Department of
39 Education, which will have a reduction in training and educational
40 responsibilities by virtue of this act, to the State Board for
41 Community and Junior Colleges to assure that the transferred
42 responsibilities will be properly managed and administered. Any
43 funds available to the State Department of Education for
44 Industrial Training Programs and state-funded postsecondary Adult
45 Short-term Training Programs which are subject to carryover shall
46 be transferred to the Work Force Carryover Fund established by
47 Chapter 498, Laws of 1995, for use by the State Board for
48 Community and Junior Colleges, on or before August 15, 1999.

49 (4) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall
50 develop an accountability system that shall report and describe
51 all classes taught in the area of workforce education, the number
52 of persons taught in these classes, and the location and cost of
53 each class taught. To assess the impact of these programs, the
54 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges also shall report:

55 (a) Whether the needs of industry have been met through
56 training program offerings;

57 (b) Any changes in the income of trainees between the
58 completion of training and the date of the report;

59 (c) The number of jobs created and the number of jobs
60 retained through the programs; and

61 (d) Trainee success in passing proficiency tests, where
62 applicable.

63 This information shall be reported on a fiscal year basis and
64 shall be provided to the House and Senate Education Committees
65 before December 15 of each year.

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67 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
68 and after July 1, 2006.