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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2460

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT RETIRED PERSONS WITH CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE
3 LICENSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TEACH ON AN
4 EXPERT CITIZEN BASIS AND SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TEACH IN HIGH SCHOOL
5 WITHOUT RESTRICTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State
10 Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and
11 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
12 Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission
13 to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding
14 standards for the certification and licensure and continuing
15 professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an
16 educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

17 (2) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15)
18 qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be
19 composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from
20 each congressional district: four (4) classroom teachers; three
21 (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of
22 education of institutions of higher learning located within the
23 state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State
24 Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the
25 schools of education of independent institutions of higher
26 learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi
27 Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from
28 public community and junior colleges located within the state to

29 be recommended by the State Board for Community and Junior
30 Colleges; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) lay
31 persons. All appointments shall be made by the State Board of
32 Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of
33 Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of
34 Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be
35 appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be
36 appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall
37 be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all
38 members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

39 (3) The State Board of Education when making appointments
40 shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least
41 once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the
42 commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as
43 authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and
44 necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

45 (4) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of
46 Education shall be designated and assigned by the State
47 Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary
48 and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other
49 appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education
50 shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of
51 Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

52 (5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

53 (a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval
54 of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation
55 programs in the state;

56 (b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year
57 approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in
58 the state;

59 (c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
60 Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification
61 and licensure in all fields;

62 (d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
63 Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses
64 in all fields;

65 (e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher
66 performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the
67 licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

68 (f) Review all existing requirements for certification
69 and licensure;

70 (g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by
71 the commission's decisions;

72 (h) Prepare reports from time to time on current
73 practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and
74 certification and licensure;

75 (i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers'
76 and administrators' education and certification and licensure with
77 approval of the State Board of Education;

78 (j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State
79 Board of Education;

80 (k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific
81 areas; and

82 (l) Perform such other functions as may fall within
83 their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the
84 State Board of Education.

85 (6) (a) **Standard License - Approved Program Route.** An
86 educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first
87 time and meeting all requirements as established by the State
88 Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license.
89 Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an
90 assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an
91 accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill
92 student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified
93 participating teacher approved by an accredited college of
94 education. The local school district in which the assistant

95 teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at
96 the required salary level during the period of time such
97 individual is completing student teaching requirements.

98 Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

99 (i) An application on a department form;

100 (ii) An official transcript of completion of a
101 teacher education program approved by the department or a
102 nationally accredited program, subject to the following:

103 Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through
104 kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher
105 education program or a bachelor of science degree with child
106 development emphasis from a program accredited by the American
107 Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the
108 National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by
109 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
110 (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for
111 those applicants who have completed a teacher education program,
112 and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an
113 interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4
114 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary
115 program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration.
116 Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall
117 require a major in an academic field other than education, or a
118 combination of disciplines other than education. Students
119 preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the
120 respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard
121 licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation
122 in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by
123 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
124 (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher
125 Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who
126 have a bachelor of science degree with child development emphasis,
127 the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS);

128 (iii) A copy of test scores evidencing
129 satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of
130 achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher
131 testing examinations; and

132 (iv) Any other document required by the State
133 Board of Education.

134 (b) **Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route.**

135 Beginning January 1, 2004, an individual who has a passing score
136 on the Praxis I Basic Skills and Praxis II Specialty Area Test in
137 the requested area of endorsement may apply for the Teach
138 Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7
139 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this
140 paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
141 requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the
142 Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of
143 nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with
144 the provisions of this paragraph.

145 (i) The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall
146 include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program
147 or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the
148 fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited
149 to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies,
150 classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and
151 instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test
152 results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour
153 supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is
154 employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district.
155 The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with
156 courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state,
157 with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3)
158 Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

159 (ii) The school sponsoring the teacher intern
160 shall enter into a written agreement with the institution

161 providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under
162 terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties,
163 providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns
164 seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a
165 one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall
166 successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive
167 internship in the school district during the semester immediately
168 following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of
169 the one-year classroom teaching experience.

170 (iii) Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour
171 TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall
172 submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure
173 of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a
174 provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow
175 the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person
176 completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

177 (iv) During the semester of internship in the
178 school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor
179 the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that
180 employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional
181 teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a
182 nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation
183 with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of
184 employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of
185 the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration
186 of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive
187 evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's
188 performance fails to meet the standards of the approved
189 nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the
190 individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

191 (v) An individual issued a provisional teaching
192 license under this nontraditional route shall successfully
193 complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and

194 induction program administered by the employing school district
195 with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

196 (vi) Upon successful completion of the TMI and the
197 internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard
198 License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a
199 transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester
200 hours required in the internship program, and the employing school
201 district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for
202 standard licensure of the intern. If the school district
203 recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard
204 License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a
205 five-year period and be renewable.

206 (vii) At the discretion of the teacher preparation
207 institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve
208 (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher
209 internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master
210 of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

211 (viii) The local school district in which the
212 nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed
213 shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required
214 salary level during the period of time such individual is
215 completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate
216 such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of
217 the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

218 Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this
219 paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds
220 appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature.
221 Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to
222 prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and
223 implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure
224 programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency
225 certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall
226 remain in effect.

227 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
228 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
229 nontraditional teacher preparation internship programs, including
230 the number of programs available and geographic areas in which
231 they are available, the number of individuals who apply for and
232 possess a nontraditional conditional license, the subject areas in
233 which individuals who possess nontraditional conditional licenses
234 are teaching and where they are teaching, and shall submit its
235 findings and recommendations to the legislative committees on
236 education by December 1, 2004.

237 A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued
238 for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching
239 as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons
240 holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard
241 License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any
242 other license.

243 (c) **Special License - Expert Citizen. * * *** The State
244 Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations
245 established by the State Board of Education, shall grant an * * *
246 expert citizen-teacher license (i) to local business or other
247 professional personnel, and (ii) to any retired individual sixty
248 (60) years of age or older who holds at least a bachelor's degree
249 from an accredited university or college and who has at least
250 twenty (20) years of active work experience in his or her field of
251 study. Such person may begin teaching on a contract basis with
252 the local school board or accredited nonpublic school governing
253 board and, upon licensure by the Mississippi Department of
254 Education, shall be authorized to teach any course in Grades 9-12
255 at any time during the school day without restriction. Such
256 person licensed as an expert citizen shall receive a salary to be
257 determined by the contract with the school board, notwithstanding
258 the provisions of Section 37-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972,
259 relating to teacher salary scales and increments. The board shall

260 adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert
261 citizen-teacher license. A Special License - Expert Citizen may
262 be renewed in accordance with the established rules and
263 regulations of the State Department of Education.

264 (d) **Special License - Nonrenewable.** The State Board of
265 Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to
266 allow those educators not meeting requirements in subsection
267 (6)(a), (b) or (c) to be licensed for a period of not more than
268 three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of
269 Education.

270 (e) **Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel.** A nonlicensed
271 person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching
272 day in a public school or a nonpublic school accredited/approved
273 by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a
274 transcript or record of his education and experience which
275 substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and
276 shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and
277 approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any
278 local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under
279 this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number
280 of licensed personnel in any single school.

281 (f) **Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education.**
282 Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special
283 licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who
284 possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section.
285 Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated
286 by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the
287 regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed
288 under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses
289 to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the
290 commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a
291 speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in
292 which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in

293 English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii)
294 possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher
295 education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv)
296 meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours
297 therein, experience and training as may be required by the
298 commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and
299 possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of
300 transitional bilingual education serving under a special license
301 shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves
302 the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service
303 by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an
304 exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard
305 Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to
306 prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in
307 an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of
308 Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual
309 education.

310 (g) In the event any school district meets Level 4 or 5
311 accreditation standards, the State Board of Education, in its
312 discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions
313 in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed
314 teaching personnel.

315 (h) **Highly Qualified Teachers.** Beginning July 1, 2006,
316 any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of
317 highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act,
318 must be granted a standard five-year license by the State
319 Department of Education.

320 (7) **Administrator License.** The State Board of Education is
321 authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer
322 the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of
323 Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator
324 licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the
325 State Board of Education.

326 (a) **Administrator License - Nonpracticing.** Those
327 educators holding administrative endorsement but having no
328 administrative experience or not serving in an administrative
329 position on January 15, 1997.

330 (b) **Administrator License - Entry Level.** Those
331 educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the
332 department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a
333 Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level
334 shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

335 (c) **Standard Administrator License - Career Level.** An
336 administrator who has met all the requirements of the department
337 for standard administrator licensure.

338 (d) **Administrator License - Nontraditional Route.** The
339 board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing
340 administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for
341 administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding,
342 but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a
343 master of public administration degree, a master of public
344 planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree
345 from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of
346 administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion
347 of the requirements of alternate route licensure for
348 administrators shall qualify the person for a standard
349 administrator license.

350 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
351 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
352 nontraditional administrator preparation internship programs,
353 including the number of programs available and geographic areas in
354 which they are available, the number of individuals who apply for
355 and possess a nontraditional conditional license and where they
356 are employed, and shall submit its findings and recommendations to
357 the legislative committees on education by December 1, 2004.

358 Beginning with the 1997-1998 school year, individuals seeking
359 school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d)
360 shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment
361 process prescribed by the State Board of Education. Applicants
362 seeking school administrator licensure prior to June 30, 1997, and
363 completing all requirements for provisional or standard
364 administrator certification and who have never practiced, shall be
365 exempt from taking the Mississippi Assessment Battery Phase I.
366 Applicants seeking school administrator licensure during the
367 period beginning July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, shall
368 participate in the Mississippi Assessment Battery, and upon
369 request of the applicant, the department shall reimburse the
370 applicant for the cost of the assessment process required. After
371 June 30, 1998, all applicants for school administrator licensure
372 shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under
373 paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process
374 required shall be paid by the applicant.

375 (8) **Reciprocity.** (a) The department shall grant a standard
376 license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license
377 from another state.

378 (b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special
379 license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less
380 than a standard license or certification from another state. Such
381 special license shall be valid for the current school year plus
382 one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second
383 year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months,
384 during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the
385 requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

386 (9) **Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses.** The State Board
387 of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for
388 the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator
389 licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held
390 by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the

391 expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator
392 adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established
393 pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of
394 education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in
395 May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a
396 higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus
397 five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

398 (10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation,
399 suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an
400 educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a
401 hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee
402 established by the commission and composed of commission members
403 for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the
404 denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be
405 by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission of Teacher and
406 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
407 Development. The decision thereon by the commission or its
408 subcommittee shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall
409 appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of
410 the decision of the committee or its subcommittee. An appeal to
411 the State Board of Education shall be on the record previously
412 made before the commission or its subcommittee unless otherwise
413 provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The State
414 Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with
415 instructions, the decision of the committee or its subcommittee.
416 The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

417 (11) The State Board of Education, acting through the
418 commission, may deny an application for any teacher or
419 administrator license for one or more of the following:

420 (a) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law
421 or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

422 (b) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental
423 disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties

424 authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist
425 or psychiatrist;

426 (c) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively
427 dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual
428 user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or
429 other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for
430 a license;

431 (d) Revocation of an applicant's certificate or license
432 by another state;

433 (e) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in
434 securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

435 (f) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence
436 of identification;

437 (g) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
438 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by
439 federal or state law; or

440 (h) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
441 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined
442 by federal or state law.

443 (12) The State Board of Education, acting on the
444 recommendation of the commission, may revoke or suspend any
445 teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time for
446 one or more of the following:

447 (a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may
448 result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as
449 provided in Section 37-9-57;

450 (b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall
451 result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one
452 (1) year after correction is made;

453 (c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or
454 license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or
455 revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state
456 have been cleared;

457 (d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
458 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as
459 defined by federal or state law;

460 (e) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
461 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense, as
462 defined by federal or state law; or

463 (f) The license holder knowingly and willfully
464 committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform
465 test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1).

466 (13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by
467 a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the
468 suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which
469 shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity
470 of the offense.

471 (b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
472 state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or
473 attempted in this state.

474 (c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The
475 surrender of such license may result in the commission
476 recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a
477 hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been
478 surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a
479 majority vote of all members of the commission present at the
480 meeting called for such purpose.

481 (14) A person whose license has been suspended on any
482 grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of
483 the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension, or
484 after one-half (1/2) of the suspended time has lapsed, whichever
485 is greater. A license suspended or revoked on the criminal
486 grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed
487 after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period
488 imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered
489 license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of

490 rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for
491 reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission
492 of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and
493 such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to
494 establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform
495 the duties authorized by the license.

496 (15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing
497 with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the
498 commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of
499 Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be
500 effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or
501 revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the
502 superintendent of the school district or school board where the
503 teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action
504 and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or
505 suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State
506 Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any
507 decision of the commission regarding a petition for reinstatement
508 of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of
509 Education shall be final.

510 (16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of
511 Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a
512 license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions
513 of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First
514 Judicial District of Hinds County on the record made, including a
515 verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal
516 shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the
517 action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in
518 chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before
519 the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of
520 the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost
521 of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board
522 of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred

523 Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be
524 affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder
525 shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery
526 court.

527 (17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and
528 criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become
529 effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as
530 designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

531 (18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a
532 property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school
533 district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility
534 for teaching in the public schools of Mississippi. This section
535 shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school
536 districts to require greater qualifications or standards of
537 performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment
538 in such districts.

539 (19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections
540 (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to
541 suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance
542 with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The
543 procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance
544 with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or
545 reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the
546 payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a
547 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section
548 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the
549 board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157
550 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken
551 under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is
552 required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in
553 accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section
554 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the
555 procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict

556 between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any
557 provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or
558 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

559 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
560 and after July 1, 2007.