

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 765**

**BY: Representatives McCarty, Roberson**

1           **Amend** after line 276 by inserting the following:

2           **"SECTION 9.** Section 37-106-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
3 amended as follows:

4           37-106-36. (1) There is established the "William F. Winter  
5 and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program."

6           (2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible  
7 applicant for an initial award must have:

8                   (a) Graduated from a baccalaureate degree-granting  
9 institution of higher learning which is regionally accredited by  
10 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or a  
11 comparable accreditation body;

12                   (b) Signed a contract as a full-time \* \* \* teacher in a  
13 public school district in Mississippi;



14 (c) Obtained a standard five-year license or  
15 nontraditional five-year alternate route license. Persons with  
16 provisional emergency licenses shall not be eligible applicants;  
17 and

18 (d) Outstanding qualifying undergraduate or graduate  
19 educational loans, which may include the principal, interest and  
20 related expenses such as the required interest premium on the  
21 unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the  
22 recipient for undergraduate or graduate educational expense.

23 (3) Persons who have received funds from other forgivable  
24 loan programs established for teachers under Mississippi law, or  
25 who are presently in default or delinquent on any federal, state,  
26 local or commercial qualifying educational loan, shall not be  
27 eligible for this program.

28 (4) Provided that initial recipients remain eligible under  
29 the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, they may retain  
30 eligibility for two (2) additional awards, subject to the  
31 availability of funds.

32 ( \* \* \* 5) Initial recipients shall be selected on a  
33 first-come, first-served basis of all eligible applicants, \* \* \*  
34 subject to the availability of funds. In the second and \* \* \*  
35 third years of an applicant's continued eligibility, priority  
36 consideration shall first be given to renewal applicants. \* \* \*  
37 The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board  
38 shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the program in a



39 fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal  
40 year. For that purpose, and any other provisions of this section  
41 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Mississippi Postsecondary  
42 Education Financial Assistance Board may limit the acceptance of  
43 applications and may limit the number of awards.

44 ( \* \* \* 6) Among \* \* \* teacher recipients, priority  
45 consideration shall be given to persons who are teaching in a  
46 public school district designated as a geographical critical  
47 teacher shortage area by the State Board of Education.

48 ( \* \* \* 7) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract  
49 to teach in a public school district that is not designated as a  
50 geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

51 (a) One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for  
52 the \* \* \* initial award;

53 (b) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for  
54 the second \* \* \* award; and

55 (c) Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for  
56 the third \* \* \* award.

57 ( \* \* \* 8) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract  
58 to teach in a public school district that is designated as a  
59 geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

60 (a) Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the \* \* \*  
61 initial award;

62 (b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the  
63 second \* \* \* award, provided the recipient continues to teach in



64 the same public school district or another public school district  
65 designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of  
66 Education; and

67 (c) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the  
68 third \* \* \* award, provided the recipient continues to teach in  
69 the same public school district or another public school district  
70 designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of  
71 Education.

72 ( \* \* \* 9) \* \* \* An initial recipient who moves to another  
73 public school district shall be eligible to receive an award based  
74 on the amount allowed under the program in the new district where  
75 the teacher is employed.

76 ( \* \* \* 10) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis,  
77 and recipients shall have no obligation to seek a future award.

78 ( \* \* \* 11) Awards shall be paid annually, after the  
79 expiration of the one-year teaching contract for which the award  
80 was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider,  
81 and shall be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid on  
82 the recipient's behalf toward qualifying undergraduate or graduate  
83 educational loans prior to receiving payment of the award shall  
84 not be eligible for repayment through the program.

85 ( \* \* \* 12) During the teaching year for which the award is  
86 granted, a recipient must at all times keep the \* \* \* Mississippi  
87 Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board informed of any



88 changes to the recipient's current contact information and  
89 employment status.

90 ( \* \* \*13) Recipients who fail to maintain a standard or  
91 nontraditional license or fail to fulfill the one-year teaching  
92 contract on which the award was based shall forfeit any right to  
93 the award.

94 ( \* \* \*14) The \* \* \* Mississippi Postsecondary Education  
95 Financial Assistance Board, in collaboration with the State Board  
96 of Education, shall track recipients of an award under this  
97 program through their \* \* \* fourth year after receiving their  
98 initial award, unless the recipient shall leave teaching in a  
99 public school district at an earlier date. Data collected shall  
100 include recipients' undergraduate or graduate institution, school  
101 district, subject area/grade level in teaching and any other  
102 pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the  
103 program in retaining teachers \* \* \*.

104 ( \* \* \*15) The \* \* \* Mississippi Postsecondary Education  
105 Financial Assistance Board shall promulgate regulations necessary  
106 for the proper administration of this section, including rules for  
107 ensuring that expenses of the program in a fiscal year do not  
108 exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year.

109 ( \* \* \*16) There is established in the State Treasury a  
110 special fund to be designated the "William F. Winter and Jack  
111 Reed, Sr., Loan Repayment Program Fund," into which shall be  
112 deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any



113 other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of  
114 implementing the loan repayment program established herein. Money  
115 in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the  
116 General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into  
117 the fund shall be credited to the special fund.

118 \* \* \*".

119 **Further, amend** by renumbering the succeeding section  
120 accordingly.

121 **Further, amend the title to conform,** by inserting the  
122 following after the semicolon on line 10:

123 "TO AMEND SECTION 37 106 36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE  
124 PROVISIONS OF THE "WILLIAM F. WINTER AND JACK REED, SR., TEACHER  
125 LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
126 PURSUING AN ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSURE PATHWAY TO BECOME ELIGIBLE  
127 TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO REMOVE THE  
128 CAP ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE  
129 UNDER THE PROGRAM IN ANY FISCAL YEAR;"

