

## Mississippi Professional Educators (MPE): 2026 Legislative Bill Tracker

Bill	Short Title	Author	Action (As of 12:00 Noon 2/5/26)
HB 389	Student enrollment; require automobile registration as proof of residency	Rep. Kimberly Remak	Passed House Education
HB 517	"MS Charter School Act of 2913"; bring forward provisions related to	Rep. Randy Boyd	Amended and passed House Education
HB 750	Strengthening MS Academic Research Through Business Act; extend repealer on	Rep. Fred Shanks	Passed House Universities & Colleges; passed House
HB 752	Mississippi Young Readers Club; establish pilot program to provide reading literature to certain students to enhance early literacy	Rep. Rob Roberson	Passed House Education; passed House Appropriations
HB 927	Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science; provide for administration and clarify employee hiring procedures and 10th grade enrollment option	Rep. Steve Massengill	Passed House Education
HB 935	MS Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022; extend repealer on	Rep. Fred Shanks	Passed House Universities & Colleges
HB 1035	MS Future Innovators Act; enact to require high school computer science or CTE with embedded computer science course	Rep Kevin Felsher	Passed House Education
HB 1126	Teacher pay; increase for teachers and assistant teachers	Rep. Jansen Owen	Amended and passed House Education; passed House Appropriations; amended and passed House
HB 1204	CTE; remove stipulations that only certain programs leading to industry certification are considered for statewide accountability	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education; passed House Workforce Development
HB 1205	Students with disabilities; remove requirement for signing of a confidentiality pledge before mediation begins in alignment with federal law	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education
HB 1206	Early childhood education employees; clarify qualifications exemption for those employed in programs not granted by SDE	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education; passed House
HB 1207	Dyslexia; revise definition to align with updated definition adopted by the IDA Board of Directors	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education; amended and passed House
HB 1212	University-based program; clarify funding allocations under the total funding formula	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education; passed House Appropriations

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HB 1234	School Accountability Dashboard Act; establish to provide parents with critical student performance data	Rep. Zach Grady	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1260	Mississippi Student Funding Formula; bring forward provisions related to	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education; passed House Appropriations
HB 1286	One Mississippi; require State Dpt of Ed to provide copies for sale to students in Grade 2 for instruction during "Read Across America Week"	Rep. Becky Currie	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1292	School Board members; require to be elected for term of four years at the statewide general election or presidential election	Rep. Jansen Owen	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1310	"Mississippi Open to Religion Act"; establish	Rep. Chuck Blackwell	Passed House Education
HB 1318	Student transportation; revise manner of for students on vehicles other than school buses	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education
HB 1320	Pupil transportation; provide discretionary authority to local school boards to provide for those who live within one mile of the school	Rep. Kent McCarty	Passed House Education
HB 1395	School districts; revise certain provisions regarding sale or lease of unused property	Rep. Shanda Yates	Passed House Education; passed House
HB 1495	Starkville-Oktibbeha School District and MSU; authorize agreements to have jointly used primary and secondary schools	Rep. Rob Roberson	Passed House Education; passed House Appropriations; passed House
HB 1528	Teacher licensure; revise provisions related to educator preparation programs and criteria for entry	Rep. Rob Roberson	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1578	Public schools; require to adopt policies to educate students about the dangers of social media and predators	Rep. Joey Hood	Passed House Education
HB 1581	Mobile sports betting; include tidelands and child support	Rep. Casey Eure	Passed House Gaming; amended and passed House
HB 1585	School districts; require evaluation of and reporting on costs associated with technology acquisitions	Rep. Kent McCarty	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1589	Teachers who have sexual relations with students; prohibit from resigning	Rep. Jansen Owen	Amended and passed House Education
HB 1606	The Excellence for All Pilot Program Act; create	Rep. Kent McCarty	Amended and passed House Education

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SB 2001	School teachers, assistant teachers, and college faculty; raise pay of	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate; transmitted to House
SB 2002	Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release	Senator Dennis DeBar	Amended and passed Senate Education; passed Senate; transmitted to House
SB 2003	Retired educators; revise provisions regarding return to work as teachers	Senator Dennis DeBar	Amended and passed Senate Education; passed Senate; transmitted to House
SB 2004	Mississippi PERS Stability Act; enact	Senator Daniel Sparks	Passed Senate Appropriations; passed Senate; transmitted to House
SB 2071	School boards; authorize to vote on providing members and their dependents with health insurance paid for by local funds	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2072	Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance and distribution of procurement cards or digital solutions for classroom supplies	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2099	Education; require public schools to adopt policies prohibiting or restricting cell phone possession or use by students in class	Senator Briggs Hopson	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2103	School counselors; delete requirement of counselors to abide by the American School Counselor Association Code of Ethics	Senator Angela Hill	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2208	Mississippi Public University System Governance Study Commission; create	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges
SB 2235	Juvenile felony arrests; require notification to juvenile's school district by local law enforcement	Senator Brian Rhodes	Amended and passed Senate Education
SB 2236	Cardiac Emergency Response Plan; revise to include airway clearance devices	Senator Philman Ladner	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2238	Mississippi State University; allow to partner with local school district	Senator Bart Williams	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges; passed Senate
SB 2242	Mississippi Math Act; enact	Senator Nicole Boyd	Amended and passed Senate Education; amended and passed Senate
SB 2243	Don Triplett Act; enact to create ombudsman office in State Department of Education	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2286	Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law; revise provisions concerning	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education

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SB 2288	Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act; expand CTE incentive grant purposes and extend repealer	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education
SB 2292	School curriculum; require that schools teach civics courses before completion of high school	Senator Brice Wiggins	Passed Senate Education; amended and passed Senate
SB 2293	Mississippi Student Funding Formula; increase weight and multiplier for gifted education	Senator Brice Wiggins	Amended and passed Senate Education
SB 2294	MS Future Innovators Act; enact to require high school computer science or CTE with embedded computer science course	Senator Chris Johnson	Passed Senate Education
SB 2306	Commission on School Accreditation; task with governing professional conduct of school board members	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Education
SB 2344	Financial literacy; require as component of postsecondary education	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges
SB 2368	Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant Program; amend	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges
SB 2483	J.P. Wilemon, Jr., Financial Literacy Act; enact	Senator Daniel Sparks	Passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2484	Building Regional Infrastructure for Diverse Growth in Education (BRIDGE) Act; enact	Senator Nicole Boyd	Amended and passed Senate Education; amended and passed Senate
SB 2485	Charter school teachers; limit exemption from educational qualifications to programs not receiving grants from MDE	Senator Dennis DeBar	Passed Senate Education
SB 2486	School and district consolidation; create plan with help of Standing Commission on School District Efficiency	Senator Dennis DeBar	Amended and passed Senate Education
SB 2487	Literacy in grades 4-8; develop intervention strategies to support the promotion of	Senator Dennis DeBar	Amended and passed Senate Education
SB 2494	Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs); specify authority for bulk purchasing	Senator Chad McMahan	Amended and passed Senate Education
SB 2515	Closed schools; revise certain provisions regarding repurposing of	Senator David Blount	Amended and passed Senate Education; passed Senate
SB 2522	UPSKILL Mississippi Grant Program; create	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges

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SB 2523	State institutions of higher learning; bring forward code sections concerning	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges
SB 2524	Mississippi Postsecondary Attainment Council; establish	Senator Nicole Boyd	Passed Senate Universities & Colleges; passed Senate
SB 2613	PERS Tier 5 COLA Account; create and direct transfers to	Senator Daniel Sparks	Passed Senate Finance; passed Senate
SB 2909	PERS creditable service; bring forward CODE sections	Senator Daniel Sparks	Amended and passed Senate Finance
SB 2911	PERS; provide alternative return to work provisions	Senator Daniel Sparks	Amended and passed Senate Finance