
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: **HB 492**
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HB 492

HB 492 extends until July 1, 2004, the repealer for placement of the Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement in MDE. In addition, the bill creates a Task Force to conduct a best financial management practices review of MDE to improve Mississippi school district management and the use of resources and to identify cost savings. The Task Force is to include the following members:

- The State Superintendent of Education
- The Chairman of the Senate Education Committee
- The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee
- One Senate appointee of the Lieutenant Governor
- The Chairman of the House Education Committee
- The Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee
- One House appointee of the Speaker of the House
- One local superintendent appointee of the Lieutenant Governor
- One representative of the business community appointed by the Speaker

The Task Force is to address 1) MDE's and the local school districts' uses of resources; 2) ways MDE and the local school districts could save funds; and, 3) ways to improve MDE's and the local school districts' performance accountability systems

The Task Force is to make a report of its findings and recommendations, including necessary legislation to the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor for implementation in the 2004 Regular Session.

Senator Videt Carmichael fought for this best practices review throughout the course of the session. I could not get a rep from this office added to the Task Force.

HB 492 is effective July 1, 2002. I recommend that you sign HB 492.