

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR'S STAFF  
FROM: HOWARD  
DATE: 3/22/00  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

***Deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills  
originating in own house Wednesday, March 29, 2000***

**MS HOME CORP**

**HB 603** – (Morris) Mississippi Home Corporation; increase the amount of bonds the corporation may issue and revise conflict of interest requirements  
1/27 (H) Referred to Ways and Means

**HB 1384** – (Morris) Mississippi Home Corporation; reconstitute membership, increase bond authority and revise conflict of interest requirements  
2/21 (H) Referred to Ways and Means

**2/29 (H) TSDPCS; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Finance**

**SB 3008** – (Minor) Mississippi Home Corporation; reconstitute membership and increase the amount of bonds that it may issue  
2/21 (S) Referred to Finance

**TAX REFORM**

**SC 560** – (Horhn) Interim joint study committee; create to study Mississippi's tax code  
2/21 (S) Referred to Rules

**SC 518** - (Harden) Taxation; joint committee to study state tax system  
1/14 (S) Referred to Rules

**WORKFORCE TRAINING**

**HB 31** – (Young) Universities and community colleges; authorize courses positively impacting state's economy  
1/12 (H) Referred to Universities & Colleges; **2/23 (H) TSDP; 3/14 (H) Passed; 3/15 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Universities & Colleges**

**SB 2639** – (Burton) Employer training program tax credit; certified by State Board for Community/Junior Colleges  
**2/29 (S) TSDP; 3/8 (S) Passed; 3/10 (H) Referred to Univ. & Colleges; Ways and Means**

## TEACHER PAY RAISE

**HB 1577** – (Scott 80) Appropriation; State Department of Education for teachers' salaries  
3/8 (H) Referred to Appropriations

## 85 % RULE

**HB 55** – (Ishee) Sentencing; revise 85% rule to apply only to violent offenders  
1/12 (H) Referred to Judiciary B  
**3/2 (H) TSDPCS; 3/9 (H) Tabled Subject to call; 3/15 Failed; 3/15 Motion to Reconsider; 3/16 Reconsidered; 3/16 (H) Amended; 3/16 (H) Passed; 3/20 Sent to Senate**

**SB 2800** – (Jackson) Corrections; exclude nonviolent offenders from mandatory 85% sentence  
2/16 (S) Referred to Judiciary; **3/7 (S) TSDPCS; 3/6 (S) Tabled Subject to call; 3/16 (S) Amended; 3/16 (S) Passed; 3/16 Motion to Reconsider; 3/17 Tabled; 3/20 Sent to House; 3/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary B; Penitentiary**

## TEACHER SHORTAGE

**HB 294** – (McCoy) Critical Teacher Shortage Act; clarify eligibility of teachers already in areas to participate in Masters Scholarship Programs  
1/12 Referred to Education; Appropriations; **2/23 (H) DR- TSDP; ED to AP; 3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations**

## HOSPITAL CON – HINDS

**SB 2367** – (Huggins) Health facilities; direct the issuance of a certificate of need to a certain hospital  
1/9 (S) Referred to Public Health & Welfare; Appropriations  
2/9 (S) DR – TSDPCS; PH to AP; **2/29 (S) TSDPCS; 3/14 (S) Comm Sub Adopted; 3/14 (S) Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations**

## ELECTIONS

**HB 763** – (Reynolds) NVRA; persons registered under motor voter may vote in state elections  
**2/18 (S) Referred to Elections**

**HB 764** – (Reynolds) Affidavit ballot; create uniform  
**2/21 (S) Referred to Elections**

**HB 765** – (Reynolds) Armed Forces Absentee Ballot Law; revise  
**2/21 (S) Referred to Elections**

**HB 772** – (Reynolds) Election laws; technical revisions  
**2/28 (S) Referred to Elections**

- HB 1306** – (Reynolds) Elections; technical amendments  
**3/3 (H) Passed AA; 3/3 (H) Motion to Reconsider; 3/16 (H) Tabled; 3/17 Sent to Senate; 3/21 (S) Referred to Elections**
- SB 2810** – (Tollison) Elections; make certain technical amendments to the election laws  
**3/2 (S) TSDPCS; 3/8 (S) Tabled Subject to Call; 3/16 (S) Amended; 3/16 (S) Passed; 3/20 Sent to House; 3/21 (H) Referred to Apportionment & Elections**
- SB 2812** – (Tollison) Elections; persons who register to vote under the “Motor Voter Act” may vote in state elections  
**3/2 (S) TSDP; 3/15 Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Apportionment and Elections**

## **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

- HB 506** – (Watson) Controlled substances; include precursors in enhancement provision  
 1/25 (H) Referred to Judiciary A  
**3/1 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/13 (S) Referred to Judiciary**
- HB 642** – (Moody) Controlled substances; revise Schedules II, III and IV  
 2/01 (H) Referred to Judiciary A; **2/22 (H) TSDP; 2/24 (H) Passed; 2/25 (H) Sent to Senate; 2/25 (S) Referred to Judiciary**
- SB 2442** – (Tollison) Controlled substances; enhance penalty for methamphetamine precursor violation when in possession of a weapon  
 1/26 (S) Referred to Judiciary; **2/22 (S) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Referred to Judiciary A**
- SB 2421** – (Huggins) Controlled substances; revise Schedules II, III and IV  
 1/25 (S) Referred to Judiciary; **3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/15 Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Judiciary A**
- HB 271** – (Moak) Appropriation; Bureau of Narcotics for cases against purchasers and sellers of illegal drugs.  
 1/12 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- HB 769** – (Clarke) Appropriation; \$600,000 per congressional district for drug courts  
 2/9 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 2788** – (Turner) Methamphetamine; revise precursor prohibition  
**3/3 (S) TSDPCS; 3/14 (S) Comm Sub Adopted; 3/14 (S) Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Judiciary A**
- HB 880** – (Watson) Controlled Substances Law; revise precursor provision  
**2/25 (S) Referred to Judiciary**

## **POULTRY**

- HB 205** – (Ellzey) Income tax; provide a credit for ad valorem taxes paid on poultry houses.  
 1/12 (H) Referred to Ways and Means
- HB 1444** – (Miles) Mississippi Poultry Best Practices Act; create  
 2/21 (H) Referred to Agriculture; **3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/14 (H) Failed; 3/14 (H) Motion to Reconsider; 3/15 Reconsidered; 3/15 Passed AA; 3/17 Sent to Senate**
- SB 2228** – (Burton) Ad valorem taxation; exempt egg houses, pullet houses and broiler houses  
 1/14 (S) Referred to Finance

## **CAPITAL POST CONVICTION COUNSEL**

- HB 1228** – (Watson) Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; create  
2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary A; Appropriations  
**3/1 (H) DR – TSDPCS; JA to AP; 3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/13 (H) Passed; 3/13 (H)  
Motion to reconsider; 3/16 Reconsidered; 3/16 (H) Amended; 3/16 (H) Passed;  
3/20 Sent to Senate**
- SB 2537** – (Gordon) Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; create office of  
2/3 (S) Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations;  
**2/17 (S) DR – TSDP; JU to AP; 2/17 (S) TSDP;  
2/18 (S) Passed; 2/21 (S) Motion to Reconsider Entered;  
3/2 Motion Tabled; 3/2 Sent to the House; 3/8 (H) Referred to Judiciary A;  
Appropriations**

## **SUPERINTENDENTS – APPOINT, SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECT**

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| <b>HB 87</b> – (Howell) Superintendent of education, county; prohibit voters in certain school districts from voting in election for.<br><b>3/3 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Passed; 3/13 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Finance</b> |
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## **SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS**

- HB 1417** – Appropriation; State Department of Education for Support Our Students (S.O.S.)  
(Scott 80<sup>th</sup>) program  
2/21 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 3206** – Appropriation; DOE – Support Our Students Program from block grant funds FY  
(Blackmon) 2001  
2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 3203** – Appropriation; AG – Boys and Girls Clubs of America from CSBG funds; FY 2001  
(Blackmon) 2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- SB 2906** – (Furniss) MS Emergency Management Agency; authorize local organizations to apply for matching funds  
**3/2 (S) TSDPCS; 3/15 Passed CSA AA; 3/17 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Military Affairs**

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

- SB 2803** – (Kirby) State and Public School Employees Health Insurance Board; revise composition  
**2/24 (S) TSDPCS; 3/10 (S) Sent to House; 3/13 (H) Referred to Insurance**

## CHIP

**HB 1469** – (Holland) Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP); reduce eligibility waiting period and conduct outreach campaign  
2/21 Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations  
**3/2 (S) DR – TSDPCS – PH to AP; 3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/13 (H) Passed; 3/15 Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Public Health & Welfare; Appropriations**

## PUBLIC DEFENDER

**HB 695** – (Fillingane) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for funding Statewide Public Defender Commission  
2/1 (H) Referred to Appropriations  
**SB 2182** – (Harden) Appropriations; FY 2001 for statewide public defender and FY 2000 deficit  
1/13 (S) Referred to Appropriations

## COMPUTER BILL

**HB 1486** – (Warren) School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund; cap at FY 2000 appropriated levels with excess going to Education Enhancement Fund  
2/21 Referred to Education; Ways and Means; **3/6 (H) DR-TSDP – ED to WM; 3/7 (H) TSDP; 3/13 (H) Amended; 3/13 (H) Passed AA; 3/15 Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Finance**

**SB 2423** – (Chaney) School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund; cap at FY 2000 appropriated levels with excess going to Education Enhancement Fund  
1/25 (S) Referred to Finance; **2/10 (S) TSDPCS; 3/15 Passed CSA AA; 3/17 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Education; Ways and Means**

## THREE PHASE BUILDING

**HB 1305** – (Brown) Public property; require DFA to prepare five-year capital improvements plan, require certain projects to be funded in three phases  
2/21 (H) Referred to Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands; **3/6 (H) TSDPCS; 3/10 (H) Passed; 3/14 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Public Property; Finance**

## HEALTH CARE

**HB 729** – (Frierson) Physicians; create medical education scholarships at UMMC to practice family medicine in rural areas  
2/9 (H) Referred to Universities & Colleges; Appropriations  
2/23 (H) DR – TSDPAA; UC to AP; **3/2 (H) DR – TSDPCS; AP to UC; 3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/14 (H) Amended; 3/14 (H) Passed CSA AA; 3/16 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Universities & Colleges; Appropriations**

- SC 539** – (Scoper) Joint Committee to Study the Establishment of Out-Patient Clinics in Underserved Rural Areas of the state; create  
2/8 (S) Referred to Rules
- SB 2846** – (Huggins) “Patient Protection Act”; transfer administration from MS Department of Insurance to MS Department of Health  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/14 (S) Passed; 3/15 Sent to House; 3/16 (H) Referred to Insurance**
- SB 2861** – (Harden) School nurse intervention program; reenact and extend for one year  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/14 (S) Passed; 3/15 Sent to House; 3/16 (H) Referred to Public Health & Welfare; Appropriations**
- SB 2869** – (Huggins) Medicaid program eligibility and reimbursable services; bring forward  
**3/7 (S) TSDPCS; 3/15 (S) Comm Sub Adopted; 3/15 (S) Passed; 3/17 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations**
- HB 551** – (Clarke) Smoking; prohibit in all state buildings except in designated areas  
**2/9 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare**
- HB 641** – (Moody) Tobacco; prohibit use by adults on educational property  
**3/1 (H) TSDPCS; 3/9 (H) Motion to Reconsider Entered; 3/16 (H) Reconsidered; 3/16 (H) Amended; 3/16 (H) Passed; 3/20 Sent to Senate**
- HB 846** – (Moody) Physician assistants; provide for licensure and regulation of  
2/9 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; **2/22 (H) TSDPAA; 3/1 (H) Amended; 3/1 (H) Passed as Amended; 3/3 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/6 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- HB 546** – (Ford) Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects  
**2/21 (S) Referred to Finance; 3/21 (S) TSDP**
- HB 838** – (Shows) Mississippi Business Investment Act; revise projects for which assistance may be provided and increase amount of bonds authorized under  
**3/2 (H) TSDPCS; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Finance**
- HB 1152** – (Davis) Economic Development Highway Act; revise definition of “high economic benefit project”  
**3/6 (H) TSDP; 3/13 (H) Passed; 3/14 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Sent to Highways and Transportation; Finance**
- HB 1347** – (Morris) Small Business Assistance Act; extend repealer and revise certain provisions (DECD)  
**2/29 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/13 (S) Referred to Finance**
- HB 1371** – (Morris) Major Economic Impact Act; clarify duties of authority (DECD)  
**2/29 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/13 (S) Referred to Finance**
- HB 1403** – (Scott 80) Small Business Assistance Act; increase amount of funds available for loans and increase amount of bonds that may be issued  
2/21 (H) Referred to Ways and Means
- SB 2734** – (Harden) Major Economic Impact Act; include certain Fortune 500 companies  
2/14 (S) Referred to Finance

- SB 2661** – (King) Economic Development Highway Act; revise definition of “high economic development benefit project”  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/13 (S) Passed; 3/14 Sent to House; 3/16 (H) Referred to Transportation; Ways & Means**
- SB 2587** – (Simmons) Economic Development; authorize certain programs and tax credits to encourage development in less developed counties  
2/8 (S) Referred to Economic Development & Tourism & Parks, Finance
- SB 2171** – (Smith) Income tax; revise businesses eligible for job tax credit under the Economic Development Reform Act (DECD)  
1/13 (S) Referred to Finance
- SB 3166** – (Horhn) Special Task Force for Economic Development Planning; require heads of state institutions of higher learning to assist  
**2/28 (S) TSDPCS; 3/9 (S) Passed; 3/13 Sent to House; 3/21 (H) Referred to Education and Ways and Means**
- SB 3201** – (Blackmon) Approp.; DECD – Community Dev. Block Grant Funds for economic development; FY 2001  
2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 3210** – (Horhn) Bonds; issue to fund additional grants under the MS Small Business Assistance Act  
2/29 (S) Referred to Finance

### **REPAIR AND RENOVATION**

- HB 1573** – (Peranich) Bonds; issue general obligation bonds for repair and renovation of state-owned buildings and facilities  
3/2 (H) Referred to Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands; Ways and Means
- SB 3193** – (Gordon) Bonds; issue for repair and renovation of state-owned buildings  
2/23 (S) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 2832** – (Gordon) DFA, FY 2000 appropriation; expend authorized projects  
2/17 (S) Referred to Appropriations; **3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/13 (S) Passed; 3/14 Sent to House; 3/15 (H) Referred to Appropriations**

### **GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS**

- HB 414** – (Holland) Mississippi Egg Marketing Board; revise membership of  
**2/24 (S) Referred to Agriculture**
- HB 1450** – (Fredricks) Physical Therapy Board; create to licensure physical therapists, and transfer current licensure powers from Board of Health  
**2/24 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/13 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations**
- HB 1383** – (Malone) State Parole Board; abolish the terms of office of members and extend the date of the repealer for two years  
**2/24 (H) TSDP; 3/8 (H) Amended; 3/8 (H) Passed As Amended; 3/13 Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Judiciary**
- SB 2776** – (Huggins) Executive Director, Division of Medicaid; prescribe qualifications of  
**2/22 (S) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare**
- SB 2556** – (Stogner) Mississippi Egg Marketing Board; revise membership of  
**2/29 (S) TSDP; 3/9 (S) Motion to Reconsider Entered; 3/14 (S) Tabled; 3/14 Sent to House; 3/16 (H) Referred to Agriculture**

## **ABORTION**

**HB 923** – Killing of a fetus; clarify that such action shall constitute a crime  
(Robinson 84) **3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/9 (H) Motion to Reconsider Entered; 3/16 (H) Tabled; 3/17 Sent to Senate; 3/21 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare**

## **EDUCATION**

**HB 310** – (Jennings) Public schools; authorize display of Ten Commandments in classrooms and other areas  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/9 (H) Amended; 3/9 (H) Passed as Amended; 3/9 (H) MRC; 3/16 (H) Tabled; 3/17 Sent to Senate**

**HB 659** – (Fillingane) Public school classroom; authorize brief period of quiet reflection  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Education**

**HB 776** – (Warren) Suspension or expulsion; clarify authority regarding students whose presence is detrimental to educational environment  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/9 (H) Amended; 3/9 (H) Passed as Amended; 3/13 Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Education**

**HB 902** – (Warren) School Safety Center and Crisis Management Program; establish in State Department of Education  
**3/7 (H) TSDP; 3/13 (H) Passed; 3/14 Sent to Senate; 3/16 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations**

**HB 1039** – (Warren) School security personnel; require minimum level of basic law enforcement training  
**3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/13 (H) Passed; 3/13 (H) Passed CSA; 3/15 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Education; Judiciary**

**HB 1264** – (Gadd) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) Program; expand board's investment authority  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Universities & Colleges**

**HB 1262** – (Gadd) Mississippi Affordable College Savings (MACS) Program; create  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; 3/10 (H) Passed; 3/13 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Universities & Colleges; Appropriations**

**HB 1404** – (Scott 80) Appropriation; State Department of Education for Motivating Parents and Children (MPAC) pilot program  
2/21 (H) Referred to Appropriations

**HB 1561** – (Scott 80) Appropriation; Department of Human Services for youth aftercare program  
3/1 (H) Referred to Appropriations

**HB 1562** – (Scott 80) Appropriation; State Department of Education for school counselors  
3/1 (H) Referred to Appropriations

**SB 2298** – (Hewes) Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program; establish  
**2/29 (S) TSDPCS; 3/10 (S) Sent to House; 3/13 (H) Referred to Univ. & Colleges; Ways and Means**

**SB 2302** – (Harden) School districts; authorize pre-kindergarten pilot program in public schools  
**3/3 (S) Sent to House; 3/8 (H) Referred to Education and Appropriations**



- SB 2491** – (Harden) School board members; prescribe educational qualifications  
**3/2 (S) TSDPCS; 3/9 (S) Amended; 3/9 (S) Passed as Amended; 3/13 Sent to House; 3/16 (S) Referred to Education**
- SB 2814** – (Hewes) Appropriation; Board of IHL for Gulf Coast Campus of USM; addl FY 2000  
 2/17 (S) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 2918** – (Hewes) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, define investment authority  
**2/28 (S) TSDP; 3/10 (S) Sent to House; 3/13 (H) Referred to Univ. and Colleges**
- SB 3204** – (Blackmon) Approp.' DOE – MPAC Pilot Program from block grant funds; FY 2001  
 2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 3205** – (Blackmon) Approp.; DOE – School Resource Officer Pilot Program from block grant funds; FY 2001  
 2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

- SB 2597** – (Harden) School district security personnel with police power; require minimum training standards  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/15 Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Education; Judiciary B**
- SB 2522** – (Harden) Immunity of school personnel from liability for lawful action; add school counselors to  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/15 Passed; 3/16 Sent to House; 3/20 (H) Referred to Education**
- SB 2528** – (Harden) School Safety Center and Crisis Management Program; establish in State Dept. of Education  
**3/7 (S) TSDPCS; 3/14 (S) Comm Sub Adopted; 3/14 (S) Tabled; 3/16 (S) Amended; 3/16 (S) Passed; 3/20 Sent to House; 3/21 (H) Referred to Education; Appropriations**

### **STATE GOVERNMENT**

- HC 70** – (Formby) HCR; study committee on delivery of government services using electronic media  
 2/21 (H) Referred to Rules
- HB 1389** – (Ford) Ceiling on salaries; exempt DECD Director and Governor's Chief of Staff  
**3/2 (H) TSDPCS; 3/9 (H) Passed; 3/13 Sent to Senate; 3/17 Sent to Senate**
- SC 550** – (Chaney) E-Government Committee to study feasibility of electronic government services; authorize  
**3/3 (H) Referred to Rules**

### **GAMING**

- HB 881** – (Capps) State universities and community or junior colleges; authorize to offer certain courses  
**3/2 (H) TSDP; (H) Failed; (H) Motion to Reconsider Entered; 3/16 (H) Reconsidered; 3/16 (H) Passed; 3/17 Sent to Senate**

## CRIME

**HB 1000** – (Malone) Corrections; revise certain provisions regarding operations  
**3/7 (H) TSDPCS; 3/13 Passed; 3/15 Sent to Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to  
Corrections; Appropriations**

**SB 2111** – (Jackson) Gangs; establish Task Force  
**3/7 (S) TSDP; 3/10 (S) Passed; 3/14 Sent to House; 3/16 (H) Referred to  
Juvenile Justice; Appropriations**

## RESPECT IN SCHOOLS

<p><b>HB 581</b> – (Woods) Public school students; require use of appropriate titles of respect with school employees 1/27 (H) Referred to Education <b>3/2 (H) TSDPCS; 3/9 (H) Amended; 3/9 (H) Passed as Amended; 3/13 Sent to <u>Senate; 3/17 (S) Referred to Education</u></b></p>
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