

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI Office of Dropout Prevention

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of
Rule: Mississippi Code: Title 37 Education § 37-13-80
Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule : _N/A

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: Mississippi Code: Title 37 Education § 37-13-80 was responsible for the creation of the Office of Dropout Prevention. The legislation also requires school districts to implement a dropout prevention program approved by the Office of Dropout Prevention by the 2008-2009 school year. The State Dropout Prevention Plan seeks to accomplish three overarching goals: 1) to increase the graduation rate to 85% by 2018-2019; 2) to reduce the state dropout rate by 50% by 2012-2013; and 3) to reduce the statewide truancy rate by 50% by 2012-2013. Using the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network's 15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention as its framework, the State Plan discusses the seven implementation goals and seven critical components necessary to achieve the overarching goals.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least _____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: February 16, 2007

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: March 16, 2007