

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Vocational Education and Workforce Development**

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**Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of
Rule:** Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
Improvement Act of 2006

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule:** N/A

Date Rule Proposed: May 18, 2007

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

In August of 2006, the Carl D. Perkins Act was reauthorized. This act is now formally known as The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006. This act requires each state to prepare and submit one of the following options: (1) a six year State Plan that covers the period July 1, 2007 through June 20, 2013 or (2) a one year Transition Plan for the program year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This would then be followed by a five year State Plan that would cover the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. The state of Mississippi has chosen to submit a one-year Transition Plan. In the fall of 2007, we will begin working on the follow-up five year State Plan. This is due to the short turnaround time for submission of the State Plan to the U. S. Department of Education. The Transition Plan was submitted through the APA process to gather written comments; however, no written comments were received. The five year State Plan will cover the period of July 1, 2008-June 30, 2013. The five year Plan will have increased public input, accountability requirements, and expanded documentation of how the state of Mississippi will operate their programs.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

- An oral proceeding was held on this rule:
Date: {Insert Date}
Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}
- An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

- This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.
- This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.
- The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

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

Effective Date of Rule: June 22, 2007

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing
James E. Sardin, Associate State Superintendent
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