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06. Action: Approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To establish Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 99.2, State Board Policy Chapter 99, Rule 99.2 – School Calendar Approval and Modification [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The State Board of Education is responsible for approving the academic calendars for state schools, such as the Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

In order to facilitate responsive adjustments to academic calendars due to COVID-19, inclement weather, or other natural disasters, state schools need the flexibility to work with the MDE staff to modify schedules quickly.

The temporary rule and final action are necessary to implement the policy revisions immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-43-3.113(2)(b)(ii). *See also* Miss. Code Ann. § 25-43-3.108. For a rule to become effective immediately upon its filing, the Board is required to make a finding that the rule only confers a benefit or removes a restriction on the public or some segment thereof.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Part 3 Chapter 99: State Schools

Rule 99.2 School Calendar Approval and Modification

The State Board of Education shall approve the academic calendars for state schools.

In order to facilitate response to natural disasters or other emergencies, adjustments to SBE-approved calendars may be made with the approval of the State Superintendent of Education or his/her designee, with subsequent ratification by the State Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3* (Adopted 8/2020)