

### **Part 3 Chapter 1: Accountability**

*Rule 1.1 Educational Accountability.* Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3, the State Board of Education is charged with identifying all functions of the department that contribute to or comprise a part of the state system of educational accountability and to establish and maintain within the department the necessary organizational structure, policies and procedures for effectively coordinating such functions.

Mississippi Code Ann. §37-151-9 created the Office of Educational Accountability within the State Department of Education (“MDE”) and enumerates the duties and responsibilities of this office under the direction of a Director, appointed by the State Board of Education. Additionally, the Office of Educational Accountability is tasked with the following:

1. Responsible for the annual application, interview, and selection process for the SBE Student Representative program. Upon appointment of Student Representatives, responsible for orientation, training and support of the students throughout their two-year board term;
2. Serves as a liaison for the Internal Accountability Subcommittee;
3. Fulfilling the duties of the Bureaus of Internal Audit, Public Reporting & Program Evaluation; and,
4. Completing special projects as requested by the State Board of Education, State Superintendent or State Legislature.

The Director of the Office Educational Accountability shall communicate and cooperate with the State Superintendent of Education.

Source: *Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-1-3, 37-151-9 (Rule Revised 11/2023)*