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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 37-13-151, 37-13-153 AND
2 37-13-155, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS TO TEACH HOME ECONOMICS IN GRADE 10, 11 OR 12 AND
4 PROVIDE FOR FUNDING FOR THE HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAMS; TO AMEND
5 SECTION 4, CHAPTER 553, LAWS OF 1994, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 4,
6 CHAPTER 448, LAWS OF 1996, TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE STATUTES
7 REQUIRING THE HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. Section 37-13-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 reenacted as follows:

11 37-13-151. Before July 1, 1997, all local school districts
12 shall provide programs of education in home economics, in Grade
13 10, 11 or 12, which include course work in responsible parenting
14 and family living skills. These programs shall contain
15 instruction to prepare students to understand children's physical,
16 mental, emotional and social growth and development as well as to
17 assume responsibility for their care and guidance, with emphasis
18 on nutrition, emotional health and physical health. All such
19 programs shall be subject to the approval of the State Board of
20 Education pursuant to Section 37-31-205(1)(d).

21 SECTION 2. Section 37-13-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
22 reenacted as follows:

23 37-13-153. State funding for the home economics programs
24 required in Section 37-13-151 shall be phased in over a period of
25 three (3) school years, beginning with the 1994-1995 school year.

26 In the minimum education program and vocational education
27 appropriation bills for fiscal year 1994-1995, there shall be a
28 line item specifying the amount that is to be expended to employ

29 no less than one (1) instructor in each high school in no less
30 than one-third (1/3) of the school districts in the state. In the
31 minimum education program and vocational education appropriation
32 bills for fiscal year 1995-1996, there shall be a line item
33 specifying the amount that is to be expended to employ no less
34 than one (1) instructor in each high school in no less than
35 two-thirds (2/3) of the school districts in the state. In the
36 minimum education program and vocational education appropriation
37 bills for fiscal year 1996-1997, there shall be a line item
38 specifying the amount that is to be expended to employ no less
39 than one (1) instructor in each high school in each school
40 district in the state. Any funds so appropriated by line item
41 which are not expended for this purpose in the vocational
42 education appropriation may be expended for other related home
43 economics vocational purposes during the fiscal year for which
44 those funds were appropriated. The State Board of Education shall
45 determine which districts shall receive funds for the home
46 economics programs during each of the three (3) years of the
47 phase-in period.

48 SECTION 3. Section 37-13-155, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
49 reenacted as follows:

50 37-13-155. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated
51 therefor, any school district or community/junior college district
52 may apply for funding through the Division of Vocational and
53 Technical Education of the State Department of Education to
54 acquire and operate a home economics training program to provide
55 instruction in quality child care and educational programs to the
56 local community.

57 SECTION 4. Section 4, Chapter 553, Laws of 1994, as amended
58 by Section 4, Chapter 448, Laws of 1996, is amended as follows:

59 Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 1994 * * *.

61 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 1999.