

By: Representative Clarke

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1237

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
2 CONDUCT A STUDY ON SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS IN THE PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS
4 FINDINGS TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The State Department of Education shall conduct a
8 study on suspensions and expulsions in the public schools. Before
9 January 1, 2000, the department shall submit a written report to
10 the Education Committees of the House of Representatives and the
11 Senate detailing its findings. The report shall include, but not
12 be limited to, the following information:

13 (a) The total number of students suspended in all
14 public schools in the state during the 1998-1999 school year;

15 (b) The total number of students suspended in each
16 school district and the number suspended in each grade in that
17 district during the 1998-1999 school year;

18 (c) The total number of students expelled from all
19 public schools in the state during the 1998-1999 school year;

20 (d) The total number of students expelled in each
21 school district and the number expelled in each grade in that
22 district during the 1998-1999 school year;

23 (e) An explanation of the most common reasons that
24 students were suspended during the 1998-1999 school year;

25 (f) An explanation of the most common reasons that
26 students were expelled during the 1998-1999 school year; and

27 (g) Recommendations for reducing the number of

28 suspensions and expulsions in the public schools, along with any
29 proposed legislation deemed necessary by the department to
30 implement the recommendations.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after its passage.