

By: Representative Martinson

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1248

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM COMBINING
2 FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE STUDENTS' READING GRADES WITH
3 LANGUAGE AND SPELLING GRADES; TO REQUIRE FIRST GRADE STUDENTS TO
4 PASS READING INSTRUCTION DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER IN ORDER TO BE
5 ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION TO THE SECOND GRADE; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Education shall
9 require, in the calculation of students' grades, that assessments
10 in reading instruction for students in the first, second and third
11 grades be made separately from assessments in language or
12 spelling, or both. No teacher in the public school system may
13 combine a student's grade in reading instruction with that
14 student's grade in language or spelling, or both.

15 (2) In order to be eligible for promotion to the second
16 grade, each first grade student in the public schools must receive
17 a passing grade in reading instruction during the second semester
18 of the school year.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after July 1, 1999.