

By: Representative Warren

To: Juvenile Justice;  
Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1368

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
2 ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
3 FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MEANS TO  
4 DECREASE THE NUMBER OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The State Department of Education shall establish  
8 and implement a program that brings together representatives of  
9 the State Department of Education, the juvenile justice system,  
10 education organizations, legislators and other parties deemed  
11 appropriate by the department for the purpose of developing means  
12 to decrease the number of juvenile offenders. Participants in the  
13 program shall coordinate their efforts to promote educational  
14 practices that discourage delinquent or criminal behavior, provide  
15 for adequate training of school personnel in current effective  
16 discipline procedures and encourage creative solutions to new and  
17 continuing problems concerning juvenile behavior.

18 The State Department of Education shall prepare a report on  
19 the activities and accomplishments of the program, which report  
20 shall be submitted to the Legislature in January 2000.

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