

By: Senator(s) Farris

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 3025

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CONFLICT
3 RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MODELS AND CURRICULA IN THE PUBLIC
4 SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
5 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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7 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as
8 Section 37-11-54, Mississippi Code of 1972.

9 37-11-54. The State Board of Education shall develop a list
10 of recommended conflict resolution and mediation materials,
11 models, and curricula that address responsible decision making,
12 the causes and effects of school violence and harassment, cultural
13 diversity, and nonviolent methods for resolving conflict,
14 including peer mediation and shall make the list available to
15 local school administrative units and school buildings by the
16 beginning of the 2000-2001 school year. In developing this list
17 the board shall emphasize materials, models and curricula that
18 currently are being used in Mississippi and that the board
19 determines to be effective. The board shall include at least one
20 (1) model that includes instruction and guidance for the voluntary
21 implementation of peer mediation programs and one (1) model that
22 provides instruction and guidance for teachers concerning the
23 integration of conflict resolution and mediation lessons into the
24 existing classroom curriculum.

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