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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO TEACH  
2 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER  
3 PROGRAMS OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall require each  
6 local school district to include a course of instruction on  
7 African-American History as a part of the curriculum of the high  
8 schools in that district.

9 SECTION 2. (1) The Legislature finds that drug and alcohol  
10 abuse diminish the strength and vitality of the young people of  
11 our nation and state, and an increasing number of substances, both  
12 legal and illegal, are being abused by increasing numbers of  
13 school children, even at the grade school level. It is the intent  
14 of the Legislature to encourage among children in the public  
15 schools the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

16 (2) The State Board of Education shall require each local  
17 school district to include a program of drug education as a part  
18 of the curriculum of the schools in that district. The program  
19 shall include age-appropriate drug and alcohol education and  
20 prevention instruction for students in kindergarten through Grade  
21 12.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2000.