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HOUSE BILL NO. 581
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ADDRESS SCHOOL
2 EMPLOYEES WITH APPROPRIATE TITLES OF RESPECT; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS TO INCORPORATE THE POLICY IN THEIR DISCIPLINE PLANS AND
4 CODES OF STUDENT CONDUCT; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS
5 OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH APPROPRIATE
6 TITLES OF RESPECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year,
9 local school boards shall require all students in public school in
10 kindergarten through twelfth grade to exhibit appropriate conduct
11 as required under subsection (2) of this section.

12 (2) When any public school student is speaking with any
13 public school employee while on school property or at a school
14 related activity or event, the student shall address and respond
15 to the school employee by using the respectful terms "Yes, Ma'am"
16 and "No, Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir" and "No, Sir," as appropriate, or
17 "Yes, Miss, Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" and "No, Miss, Mrs., or Ms.
18 (Surname)" or "Yes, Mr. (Surname)" and "No, Mr. (Surname)," as
19 appropriate, each such title to be followed by the appropriate
20 surname.

21 (3) Each school board shall provide for the incorporation of
22 the requirements of this section into the school district's
23 discipline plan and code of student conduct.

24 (4) Each school board shall take or provide for such
25 appropriate actions necessary to discipline any student who fails
26 to comply with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

27 SECTION 2. When any public school employee is speaking with
28 any other public school employee of the school district while on

29 school property or at a school related activity or event, the
30 employee shall address and respond to the other public school
31 employee by using the respectful terms "Yes, Ma'am" and "No,
32 Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir" and "No, Sir," as appropriate, or "Yes, Miss,
33 Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" and "No, Miss, Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" or
34 "Yes, Mr. (Surname)" and "No, Mr. (Surname)," as appropriate, each
35 such title to be followed by the appropriate surname.

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