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HOUSE BILL NO. 911

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CONFLICT
3 RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MODELS AND CURRICULA FOR THE PUBLIC
4 SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section

7 37-11-54, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 37-11-54. The State Board of Education shall develop a list
9 of recommended conflict resolution and mediation materials, models
10 and curricula that address responsible decision making, the causes
11 and effects of school violence and harassment, cultural diversity
12 and nonviolent methods for resolving conflict, including peer
13 mediation, and shall make the list available to local school
14 administrative units and school buildings by before the beginning
15 of the 2001-2002 school year. In developing this list, the board
16 shall emphasize materials, models and curricula that currently are
17 being used in Mississippi and that the board determines to be
18 effective. The board shall include at least one (1) model that
19 includes instruction and guidance for the voluntary implementation
20 of peer mediation programs and one (1) model that provides
21 instruction and guidance for teachers concerning the integration
22 of conflict resolution and mediation lessons into the existing

23 classroom curriculum.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2000.