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To: Education

## SENATE BILL NO. 3115

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN  
2 THROUGH FIFTH GRADE TO ADDRESS SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WITH APPROPRIATE  
3 TITLES OF RESPECT; TO REQUIRE THE POLICY TO BE PHASED IN FOR ALL  
4 OTHER GRADES BY THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICTS TO INCORPORATE THE POLICY IN THEIR DISCIPLINE PLANS AND  
6 CODES OF STUDENT CONDUCT; 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 fifth grade to exhibit appropriate conduct as  
11 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 However, no school board may provide suspension or expulsion from  
28 school as an appropriate punishment for a violation of this

29 section.

30 (5) Beginning with the 2001-2002 school year, subsection (2)  
31 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
32 Grade 6. Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, subsection (2)  
33 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
34 Grade 7. Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, subsection (2)  
35 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
36 Grade 8. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, subsection (2)  
37 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
38 Grade 9. Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, subsection (2)  
39 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
40 Grade 10. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, subsection  
41 (2) of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
42 Grade 11. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, subsection 2  
43 of this section also shall apply to public school students in  
44 Grade 12.

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