

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2057

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO INFORM STUDENTS  
2 OF THE UNLAWFULNESS OF CERTAIN CONDUCT DISCUSSED IN CLASS; TO  
3 PROHIBIT TEACHERS FROM ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
4 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT; TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DISCIPLINE  
5 TEACHERS VIOLATING THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) Whenever there is any discussion in any  
8 public school class or assembly of conduct that is unlawful under  
9 the laws of the State of Mississippi, the teacher or school  
10 employee facilitating the discussion shall inform the students  
11 that the conduct being discussed is unlawful. No teacher or other  
12 school employee shall facilitate a classroom or assembly  
13 discussion of unlawful conduct in any manner that may encourage  
14 students to participate in such unlawful conduct.

15 (2) If any teacher or other school employee is determined to  
16 have violated this section, the local school board, in its  
17 discretion, may take appropriate disciplinary action against the  
18 teacher or school employee. A violation of this section, in the  
19 discretion of the school board, may constitute good cause for the  
20 dismissal or suspension of a teacher or other licensed employee  
21 under Section 37-9-59.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2001.

