

By: Senator(s) Farris

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2390

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CONFLICT  
3 RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MODELS AND CURRICULA IN 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 provision shall be codified as

7 Section 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 peer mediation materials,  
10 models, and curricula that address responsible decision making,  
11 the causes and effects of school violence and harassment, cultural  
12 diversity, and nonviolent methods for resolving conflict,  
13 including peer mediation, and shall make the list available to  
14 local school administrative units and school buildings by the  
15 beginning of the 2002-2003 school year. In developing this list  
16 the board shall emphasize materials, models and curricula that  
17 currently are being used in Mississippi and that the board  
18 determines to be effective. The board shall include at least one  
19 (1) model that includes instruction and guidance for the voluntary  
20 implementation of peer mediation programs and one (1) model that  
21 provides instruction and guidance for teachers concerning the  
22 integration of conflict resolution and mediation lessons into the  
23 existing classroom curriculum.

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