

By: Representative Straughter

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 895

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROJECT TO TEACH ANGER MANAGEMENT  
2 CLASSES IN K-12; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL  
3 PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PILOT PROJECT; TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT TO  
4 THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PILOT PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Education shall  
7 establish a pilot project in one (1) school district in each  
8 congressional district to teach anger management classes in grades  
9 K-12. The classes shall instruct students on methods regarding  
10 the causes of anger and how to control anger without resorting to  
11 violent or abusive behavior. The department shall provide any  
12 necessary textbooks, materials and other instructional tools as  
13 well as specialized instruction personnel to enable the classes in  
14 the pilot project to achieve the goal of an anger-free environment  
15 in the classroom.

16 (2) The State Department of Education shall report to the  
17 Legislature not later than December 1, 2005, detailing the  
18 progress of the pilot project. The report shall include  
19 recommendations as to the feasibility of the pilot project and  
20 whether the project should be expanded to include anger management  
21 classes in every school district in the state.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 2002.

