HOUSE BILL NO. 1101

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY SCIENCE PROGRAM OR SCIENCE
2 CURRICULUM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MISSISSIPPI MAY INCLUDE THE
3 PRESENTATION OF THE THEORIES ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF LIFE IF EACH
4 THEORY, INCLUDING EVOLUTION AND CREATION SCIENCE, IS GIVEN EQUAL
5 INSTRUCTION TIME; TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL BOARD SHALL
6 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY TEACHER WHO TEACHES THE ORIGIN OF LIFE
7 THEORIES IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. Any science program or science curriculum in the
11 public schools of Mississippi may include the presentation of the
12 theories about the origin of life. If such theories are taught,
13 each theory, including evolution and creation science, shall be
14 given equal instruction time in order to provide the students with
15 a comprehensive scientific education. No school board shall
16 discriminate against any teacher who teaches the origin of life
17 theories in the manner provided in this section.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2002.