

By: Representative Grist

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1180

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS TO READ AT THE STATE
2 AVERAGE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION TO THE FOURTH GRADE;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) In order to be eligible for promotion to
6 the fourth grade, each third grade student in the public schools
7 must receive a score that is equal to or greater than the third
8 grade state average on the statewide assessment in reading.

9 (2) Each third grade student who scores below the third
10 grade state average on the statewide assessment in reading must be
11 provided individualized remedial instruction, in addition to the
12 regular curriculum of reading instruction, by the school district
13 until the student achieves a level of basic reading and reading
14 comprehension consistent with the state average.

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

