AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN APPROPRIATE CONDUCT BY ALL STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REQUIRE CITY AND
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS TO PROVIDE FOR INCORPORATION OF SUCH
REQUIREMENTS INTO ANY EXISTING DISCIPLINE POLICY OR POLICIES OR
ANY CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED
PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year and
thereafter, each city and county school board shall require each
student in each public school under the jurisdiction of the board
to exhibit appropriate conduct as follows:

(a) When any teacher or administrator enters a room in
any public school, each student present in such room shall stand
and shall remain standing until the appropriate school official
instructs the student or students to be seated.

(b) When any public school student is speaking with any
teacher or administrator while on school property or at a school
sponsored event, then such student shall address and respond to
such teacher or administrator by using the respectful terms, "Yes,
Ma'am" and "No, Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir" and "No, Sir," as
appropriate, or "Yes, Miss, Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" and "No, Miss,
Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" or "Yes, Mr. (Surname)" and "No, Mr.
(Surname)," as appropriate, each such title to be followed by the
appropriate surname.

(2) Each city and county school board shall provide for
incorporation of the requirements of this section into any
existing discipline policy or policies or any code of conduct of
the school system or of each school within its jurisdiction.
(3) Each city and county school board shall take or provide for such appropriate actions necessary to discipline any student who fails to comply with requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

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