HOUSE BILL NO. 736

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COMPREHENSIVE COURSE IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY TO BE TAUGHT TO ALL NINTH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the curriculum otherwise required by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in the public schools of this state, a comprehensive course in Mississippi History is required for all ninth grade students. The objective of the Mississippi History course must be to provide students with an examination of the history of the State of Mississippi from the age of discovery and colonization to the present with particular emphasis on the significant political, social, economic and cultural issues of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries which have impacted the diverse ethnic and racial populations of the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.