

By: Representative Ford

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 768

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN CURRICULA BY
3 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-11-54. The State Board of Education, using only existing
8 staff and resources, shall develop a list of recommended conflict
9 resolution and mediation materials, models and curricula that
10 address responsible decision making, the causes and effects of
11 school violence and harassment, cultural diversity, and nonviolent
12 methods for resolving conflict, including peer mediation, and
13 shall make the list available to local school administrative units
14 and school buildings before the beginning of the 2002-2003 school
15 year. However, no monies from the Temporary Assistance for Needy
16 Families grant may be used for developing this list. In
17 developing this list, the board shall emphasize materials, models
18 and curricula that currently are being used in Mississippi and
19 which the board determines to be effective. The board shall
20 include at least one (1) model that includes instruction and
21 guidance for the voluntary implementation of peer mediation
22 programs and one (1) model that provides instruction and guidance
23 for teachers concerning the integration of conflict resolution and
24 mediation lessons into the existing classroom curriculum.

25 This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2004.

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

