

By: Representative Straughter

To: Education;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROJECT TO TEACH ANGER MANAGEMENT
2 CLASSES IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE PILOT
4 PROJECT; TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PILOT
5 PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Education shall
8 establish a pilot project in one (1) school district in each
9 congressional district to teach anger management classes in
10 kindergarten through Grade 12. The classes shall instruct
11 students on methods regarding the causes of anger and how to
12 control anger without resorting to violent or abusive behavior.
13 The department shall provide any necessary textbooks, materials
14 and other instructional tools as well as specialized instruction
15 personnel to enable the classes in the pilot project to achieve
16 the goal of an anger-free environment in the classroom.

17 (2) The State Department of Education shall report to the
18 Legislature not later than December 1, 2006, detailing the
19 progress of the pilot project. The report shall include
20 recommendations as to the feasibility of the pilot project and
21 whether the project should be expanded to include anger management
22 classes in every school district in the state.

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

