

By: Representative Fleming

To: Education;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CORE CURRICULUM  
2 REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN  
3 MISSISSIPPI AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON TO THE  
4 LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a task force to study the  
7 core curriculum required for public elementary, secondary, and  
8 special education in Mississippi and how to improve and update the  
9 curriculum. The task force shall make a report of its findings  
10 and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2004,  
11 including any recommended legislation.

12 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following  
13 members:

14 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

15 (b) One (1) member of the Board of Trustees of State  
16 Institutions of Higher Learning, to be appointed by the board of  
17 trustees;

18 (c) One (1) representative from the State Department of  
19 Education, to be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public  
20 Education;

21 (d) One (1) member of the House of Representatives from  
22 each of the four (4) congressional districts to be appointed by  
23 the Speaker of the House;

24 (e) One (1) senator from each of the four (4)  
25 congressional districts to be appointed by the Lieutenant  
26 Governor;

27           (f) One (1) representative from the Mississippi  
28 Department of Human Services, to be appointed by the executive  
29 director of the department;

30           (g) Two (2) representatives to be appointed by the  
31 Governor;

32           (h) One (1) representative from the Mississippi  
33 Association of Educators, to be appointed by the executive  
34 director of that association;

35           (i) One (1) representative from the Mississippi  
36 Professional Educators, to be appointed by the executive director  
37 of that organization;

38           (j) One (1) representative from the Mississippi  
39 Association of Social Workers, to be appointed by the executive  
40 director of that association;

41           (k) One (1) representative from the Coalition for  
42 Citizens with Disabilities, to be appointed by the executive  
43 director of that organization.

44           (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
45 the effective date of this act, and the task force shall meet and  
46 organize within fifteen (15) days after appointment of the  
47 members, on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the  
48 House and the Lieutenant Governor.

49           (4) The task force shall study and make recommendations  
50 regarding the core curriculum required in public elementary,  
51 secondary and special education and how to improve and update the  
52 curriculum.

53           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
54 and after July 1, 2004.