

By: Representative Clark

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

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

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

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

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