

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED  
TO**

**House Bill No. 1696**

**BY: Senator(s) Hewes**

1           **AMEND** by inserting the following new section after line 580  
2 and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

3           **SECTION \*.** The State Department of Education shall not be  
4 authorized to distribute funds appropriated for the Mississippi  
5 Adequate Education Program under Section 1 or Section 2 of this  
6 act to any school district in this state unless the following  
7 condition is implemented by regulation of the State Board of  
8 Education: No school district shall nonrenew the contract of any  
9 classroom teacher for the 2004-2005 school year due to a reduction  
10 in state funds without the prior approval of the State Board of  
11 Education. This shall not be construed to prohibit a school  
12 district from dismissing a classroom teacher for good cause as  
13 provided in Section 37-9-59, Mississippi Code of 1972. On or  
14 before January 1, 2005, the State Board of Education shall make a  
15 report to the Legislature on any teacher contract nonrenewals  
16 which were approved under this provision.