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To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 835

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIST OF RECOMMENDED CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND
3 MEDIATION MATERIALS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
4 SHALL BE DEVELOPED FROM EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND POSITIVE
5 BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION SUPPORTS; TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS
6 TO INCORPORATE THESE MATERIALS INTO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
7 POLICIES AND CODES OF CONDUCT; TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON USING
8 MONIES FROM THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES GRANT FOR
9 DEVELOPING THE LIST; TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; AND
10 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

14 37-11-54. The State Board of Education * * * shall develop a
15 list of recommended conflict resolution and mediation materials,
16 models and curricula that are developed from evidence-based
17 practices and positive behavioral intervention supports to address
18 responsible decision making, the causes and effects of school
19 violence and harassment, cultural diversity, and nonviolent
20 methods for resolving conflict, including peer mediation, and
21 shall make the list available to local school administrative units
22 and school buildings before the beginning of the 2007-2008 school
23 year. In addition, local school boards shall incorporate
24 evidence-based practices and positive behavioral intervention
25 supports into individual school district policies and Codes of
26 Conduct. In developing this list, the board shall emphasize
27 materials, models and curricula that currently are being used in
28 Mississippi and that the board determines to be effective. The
29 board shall include at least one (1) model that includes
30 instruction and guidance for the voluntary implementation of peer
31 mediation programs and one (1) model that provides instruction and

32 guidance for teachers concerning the integration of conflict
33 resolution and mediation lessons into the existing classroom
34 curriculum.

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36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2007.