

By: Representatives Brown, Mayo

To: Education

## 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 these  
24 effective conflict resolution and peer mediation materials, models  
25 and curricula developed from evidence-based practices and positive  
26 behavioral intervention supports into individual school district  
27 policies and Codes of Conduct. In developing this list, the board  
28 shall emphasize materials, models and curricula that currently are  
29 being used in Mississippi and that the board determines to be  
30 effective. The board shall include at least one (1) model that  
31 includes instruction and guidance for the voluntary implementation

32 of peer mediation programs and one (1) model that provides  
33 instruction and guidance for teachers concerning the integration  
34 of conflict resolution and mediation lessons into the existing  
35 classroom curriculum.

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