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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.