

By: Representatives Dickson, Cockerham,
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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 995

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE CIVIL RIGHTS
3 AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AS A PART OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 CURRICULUM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-13-193. The State Board of Education shall make civil
9 rights and human rights education a part of the K-12 curriculum of
10 instruction in Mississippi public schools. The State Department
11 of Education shall work with the Mississippi Civil Rights
12 Education Commission established in Section 37-13-195 in
13 performing the following duties:

14 (a) Providing assistance and advice to K-12 schools
15 with respect to the Civil Rights Movement and human rights
16 education and awareness programs;

17 (b) Surveying and cataloging the extent to which civil
18 rights and human rights education exists in state curricula;

19 (c) Inventorizing civil rights memorials, exhibits and
20 resources that could be used in classrooms and other educational
21 programs;

22 (d) Compiling a list of volunteers who are willing to
23 share their knowledge and experiences concerning the struggle for
24 civil rights; and

25 (e) Preparing reports for the Governor and the State
26 Legislature on the inclusion of civil rights studies into the
27 educational systems of the state.

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