

By: Senator(s) Blount, Jackson (11th)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2770
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE
2 THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR ANNUAL IN-SERVICE
3 TRAINING FOR PRESENTLY EMPLOYED TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS SHALL
4 INCLUDE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION, WITH SUCH TRAINING TO BE
5 DEVELOPED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; TO
6 REQUIRE SUCH TRAINING FOR NEWLY EMPLOYED LICENSED TEACHERS AND
7 PRINCIPALS BEGINNING WITH THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR; TO DIRECT THE
8 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE
9 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS IN
10 GRADES K-3 SHALL INCLUDE INTENSIVE, COMPREHENSIVE AND
11 RESEARCHED-BASED READING METHODS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** In the 2009-2010 school year, the State
14 Department of Education shall require that local school districts
15 conduct in-service training on suicide prevention education for
16 all licensed teachers and principals. The Mississippi Department
17 of Mental Health will be responsible for development of the
18 content of the training and determining the appropriate amount of
19 time that should be allotted for the training. This education may
20 be accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide prevention
21 materials.

22 **SECTION 2.** Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, the
23 State Department of Education shall require that local school
24 districts conduct in-service training on suicide prevention
25 education for all newly employed licensed teachers and principals.
26 The Mississippi Department of Mental Health will be responsible
27 for development of the content of the training and determining the
28 appropriate amount of time that should be allotted for the
29 training. This education may be accomplished through self-review
30 of suitable suicide prevention materials.



31 **SECTION 3.** Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the
32 State Department of Education shall require that in-service
33 training shall include an emphasis on intensive, comprehensive and
34 researched-based reading methods for all licensed teachers
35 teaching Grades K through 3. The education may be accomplished
36 through self-review of suitable intensive, comprehensive and
37 researched-based reading materials.

38 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2009.

