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To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1103

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAINTAIN  
2 CERTAIN STANDARDS IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM USED IN THE  
3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO PROHIBIT HISTORY COURSES FROM BEING REVISED  
4 FOR PARTISAN OR PHILOSOPHICAL PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2010, the Texas State Board of  
6 Education, which consists of fifteen (15) elected members  
7 statewide, voted to adopt revisions to their social studies  
8 curriculum for the 2010-2011 school year (formally referred to as  
9 revisions to Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter 113,  
10 Subchapters A-C, and Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Chapter  
11 118, Subchapter A); and

12 WHEREAS, it is widely presumed that the changes to the social  
13 studies curriculum in Texas will have a national impact on  
14 textbook content since Texas is the second largest purchaser of  
15 textbooks in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the revisions in the Texas curriculum are a sharp  
17 departure from widely accepted historical teachings which are  
18 driven by an inappropriate ideological desire to influence  
19 academic content standards for children in public schools; and

20 WHEREAS, the changes in Texas, if subsequently reflected in  
21 textbooks nationwide, pose a serious threat to the apolitical  
22 nature of public school governance and academic content standards  
23 in the State of Mississippi; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall maintain a  
26 social studies curriculum to be taught in the public schools which  
27 is designed to reinforce the basic knowledge, skills and



28 understandings pertinent to social studies. The goals of the  
29 curriculum must be to deliver citizenship education, through the  
30 different subject area strands of civics, history, geography and  
31 economics, in order to foster the development of lifelong,  
32 responsible, accountable, global citizens in a democratic society.  
33 Any revision to the 2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework and  
34 Guide must be accomplished by an education team in a manner  
35 similar to that employed by the State Board of Education for that  
36 revision. The State Board of Education shall require all courses  
37 in history to maintain a focus on historically significant events,  
38 periods and persons and to present a complete view of history.  
39 Public school history courses may not promote any partisan agenda  
40 or philosophy and may not be revised for the purpose of  
41 significantly changing generally accepted history to create bias  
42 toward an ideological position.

43       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2011.

