

By: Representatives Gunn, Monsour

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall maintain a  
7 social studies curriculum to be taught in the public schools which  
8 is designed to reinforce the basic knowledge, skills and  
9 understandings pertinent to social studies. The goals of the  
10 curriculum must be to deliver citizenship education, through the  
11 different subject area strands of civics, history, geography and  
12 economics, in order to foster the development of lifelong,  
13 responsible, accountable, global citizens in a democratic society.  
14 Any revision to the 2011 Mississippi Social Studies Framework must  
15 be accomplished by an education team in a manner similar to that  
16 employed by the State Board of Education for that revision. The  
17 State Board of Education shall require all courses in history to  
18 maintain a focus on historically significant events, periods and  
19 persons and to present a complete view of history. Public school  
20 history courses may not promote any partisan agenda or philosophy  
21 and may not be revised for the purpose of significantly changing  
22 generally accepted history to create bias toward an ideological  
23 position.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2012.

