

By: Representative Dixon

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1177

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM
 2 DESIGNED TO PROMOTE STUDENT TUTORS WHO PROVIDE PEER-TO-PEER
 3 INSTRUCTION; TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL BOARD TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL
 4 INCENTIVE TO ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WHO SCORED ABOVE
 5 CERTAIN LEVELS ON STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS AND END-OF-COURSE SUBJECT
 6 AREA TESTS; TO ESTABLISH THE "PEER-TO-PEER STUDENT ASSISTANCE
 7 FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
 8 APPROPRIATION AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS INTO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE
 9 OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED
 10 PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Each local school board shall be required to
 13 develop and implement a program designed to promote student tutors
 14 who provide peer-to-peer instruction on areas of the curriculum
 15 adopted by the local school district for its schools. The program
 16 shall provide a nominal financial incentive, as determined
 17 adequate by the board, to academically successful students who are
 18 scored as proficient and advanced on the statewide assessments and
 19 who score a three (3) or above on end-of-course subject area
 20 tests. The board shall include any additional criteria in the
 21 policy establishing additional criteria to qualify student tutors
 22 for eligibility under the program. Students tutors selected by



23 the school district to provide peer-to-peer instruction shall be
24 given a stipend in the amount determined by the district from
25 funds allocated to the district by the State Department of
26 Education from the Peer-to-Peer Student Assistance Fund
27 established under Section 2 of this act.

28 **SECTION 2.** There is created in the State Treasury a special
29 fund to be known as the "Peer-to-Peer Student Assistance Fund."
30 The fund shall consist of any monies appropriated by the
31 Legislature as authorized and any other funds deposited therein
32 under the provisions of this act. The principal of the fund shall
33 remain inviolate and shall be invested as provided by law.
34 Interest and income derived from investment of the principal of
35 the fund may be expended by the State Department of Education,
36 upon appropriation by the Legislature, only for the purpose of
37 providing financial incentives to students providing peer-to-peer
38 instruction as authorized under Section 1 of this act. Unexpended
39 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall
40 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on
41 amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

42 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2013.

