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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 978

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 THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SKEWED REPRESENTATION OF HISTORY
5 UNFAVORABLE TO THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall maintain a
8 social studies curriculum to be taught in the public schools which
9 is designed to reinforce the basic knowledge, skills and
10 understandings pertinent to social studies. The goals of the
11 curriculum must be to deliver citizenship education, through the
12 different subject area strands of civics, history, geography and
13 economics, in order to foster the development of responsible,
14 accountable, global citizens with reverence for their state and
15 country. Any revision to the current Mississippi Social Studies
16 Framework or future state adopted standards must be accomplished
17 by an education team in a manner similar to that employed by the
18 State Board of Education for that revision. The State Board of
19 Education shall require all courses in history to maintain a focus



20 on historically significant events, periods and persons and to
21 present a complete view of history. Public school history courses
22 may not be revised for the purpose of creating a skewed
23 representation of history to disfavor the United States or its
24 exceptionality.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2016.

