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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 996

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM MAKING  
2 APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SEEKING A  
3 WAIVER OF REQUEST FOR FUNDING THAT WOULD REQUIRE A REVISION OF THE  
4 STATE SUBJECT MATTER CURRICULUM ALIGNED WITH THE K-12 COMMON CORE  
5 STATE STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS  
6 INITIATIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO REQUEST AUTHORITY FROM THE  
7 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVISE CURRICULUM  
8 REQUIREMENTS THAT CONDITION RECEIPT OF FUNDING OR WAIVERS UPON THE  
9 BOARD'S ACTION TO REVISE THE CURRICULUM TO ALIGN WITH THE K-12  
10 COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Board of Education shall not apply  
13 for, seek or take any action to initiate the filing of an  
14 application for any federal education program, waiver or request  
15 for funding with the United States Department of Education or any  
16 other agency of the federal government, which, if accepted, would  
17 result in or require the board to revise the state subject matter  
18 curriculum adopted by the board to align with the K-12 Common Core  
19 State Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards  
20 Initiative.

21 (2) The State Board of Education shall take action to  
22 initiate a request with the United States Department of Education



23 or any other agency of the federal government to change or amend  
24 any requirement or agreement which conditions the receipt of  
25 federal funding or educational waiver on the actions of the board  
26 revising the subject matter curriculum to align with the K-12  
27 Common Core State Standards developed by the Common Core State  
28 Standards Initiative.

29       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
30 and after its passage.

