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To: Education; Revenue and
Expenditure General Bills

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS "PARENT ACCESS" FOR
2 THE PURPOSE OF ASSURING PARENTS THAT ONLINE MATERIALS USED IN
3 THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ARE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE;
4 TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE PARENTAL ACCESS TO ONLINE CURRICULUM
6 PROGRAMS; TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALLOW PARENTS TO
7 REGISTER ONLINE IN ORDER TO REQUEST ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM
8 PROGRAMS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED AND TO OFFER
9 ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a program to be known as
12 "Parent Access." It is the intent of the Legislature that under
13 this program, parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in
14 the public schools may be assured that online educational
15 materials and systems are safe and appropriate for their children.
16 The State Board of Education, acting through the State Department
17 of Education, shall require local school districts to provide for
18 access to online curriculum programs by the parent or legal
19 guardian of any child who is enrolled in a class that is using an
20 online curriculum program for classroom instruction and student
21 assignments. Local school districts shall notify parents and



22 legal guardians of the process for registering online for such
23 access and shall provide a confirmation number to each registered
24 parent and guardian by e-mail for the purpose of accessing the
25 online curriculum program for the parent or guardian's child.
26 Parents and legal guardians who have a home computer and Internet
27 access are encouraged to support their children by using the
28 Parent Access program while at home. The requirements of this
29 section for the establishment of the Parent Access online
30 curriculum program are effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

31 (2) The State Board of Education shall develop and
32 promulgate rules and regulations requiring local school districts
33 to comply with this section not later than July 1, 2016.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after passage.

