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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2035

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL
 2 YEAR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REPLACE THE COMMON CORE
 3 STATE STANDARDS WITH THE ELA STANDARDS IN PLACE IN SEVERAL STATES;
 4 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL RETAIN SOLE CONTROL
 5 OVER THE DEVELOPMENT, ESTABLISHMENT AND REVISION OF CURRICULUM
 6 STANDARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi College and Career Ready
 9 Standards, formerly known as Common Core State Standards, shall be
 10 replaced beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The State
 11 Board of Education shall adopt for Mississippi public schools the
 12 ELA Standards in place in 2010 (prior to Common Core adoption)
 13 from any of the following states which were labeled as clearly
 14 superior to the Common Core Standards in the Thomas B. Fordham
 15 Publication entitled The State of the State Standards and the
 16 Common Core in 2010: California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Texas,
 17 or the 2010 Massachusetts ELA draft standards. The State Board of
 18 Education shall adopt for Mississippi public schools the
 19 mathematics standards in place in 2010 from either the States of
 20 California, Florida, Indiana or Massachusetts. These standards



21 are free of charge in the public domain for the districts to
22 simply copy and implement. The aforementioned state standards
23 based on the Fordham Study exceed the Common Core
24 Standards.

25 No curriculum standards developed outside the State of
26 Mississippi, including, but not limited to, the Next Generation
27 Science Standards, the National Curriculum Standards for Social
28 Studies, the National Health Education Standards, and the National
29 Sexuality Education Standards, and no standards that use the same
30 model frameworks as such standards developed primarily by entities
31 outside the State of Mississippi with the exception of the
32 mathematics standards in place in 2010 (prior to Common Core) in
33 California, Indiana, Florida and Massachusetts and the English
34 Language Arts (ELA) Standards in place in 2010 in Texas,
35 California, Indiana and Massachusetts, or the 2010 Massachusetts
36 ELA draft standards may be adopted or implemented without public
37 hearings held in each congressional district, an open comment
38 period, and open hearings before a joint committee composed of the
39 House Education Committee and Senate Education Committee, followed
40 by an act of the Legislature.

41 The State of Mississippi shall retain sole control over the
42 development, establishment and revision of curriculum standards.
43 Neither the State Board of Education nor any other state education
44 entity, nor any state official, may join any consortium or any
45 other organization when participation in that consortium or



46 organization would cede any measure of control over any aspect of
47 Mississippi public education to entities outside the state, nor
48 may any such person or entity enter into any agreement, Memorandum
49 of Understanding (MOU) or contract with any federal agency or
50 private entity which in any way cedes or limits state discretion
51 of control over the development, or revision of the Mississippi
52 Curriculum Standards and related student assessments, including,
53 but not limited to, agreements, MOUs and contracts in exchange for
54 funding for public schools and programs.

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2017.

