

By: Representative Williams-Barnes

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 820

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A CENTRAL
3 REPORTING SYSTEM TO BE USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE MANDATORY
4 REPORTING OF EXPULSION TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO REMOVE THE
5 PROHIBITION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO STUDENT
6 EXPULSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-15-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-15-6. For the purpose of providing notice to public and
11 private school officials, both within and outside the boundaries
12 of the state, of the expulsion of any public school student, the
13 State Department of Education * * * shall develop a central
14 reporting system for maintaining information concerning each
15 expulsion from a public school. In establishing and maintaining
16 the reporting system, the department * * * shall require each
17 school district and charter school to report, within a certain
18 period of time after an expulsion, as established by the
19 department, information such as the following:

20 (a) The name of the student expelled;



- 21 (b) The date the student was expelled;
- 22 (c) The age of the student at the time of the
23 expulsion;
- 24 (d) The school from which the student was expelled;
- 25 (e) The reason for the expulsion, including a detailed
26 description of the student's act or acts;
- 27 (f) The duration of the period of expulsion, if not
28 indefinite; and
- 29 (g) Any other information that the department deems
30 necessary for school officials in a public or private school,
31 where a student is seeking enrollment, to determine whether or not
32 a student should be denied enrollment based upon a previous
33 expulsion.

34 Any information maintained by the department under the
35 authority of this section shall be strictly confidential. The
36 identifying information shall be available to school officials at
37 a public or private school only upon their request and only when a
38 student seeks enrollment or admission to that school. * * *

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2018.

