

By: Representative Patterson

To: Education; Universities
and Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1294

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN
2 CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
3 HIGHER LEARNING AND THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, TO
4 COLLABORATIVELY DEVELOP AND APPROVE A SOCIALISM CURRICULUM FOR
5 STUDENTS AT THE SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION LEVEL, TO BE
6 IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2021-2022 SCHOLASTIC YEAR; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Board of Education, in conjunction
10 with the Board of Trustees for State Institutions of Higher
11 Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board, shall
12 collaboratively develop and approve a Socialism curriculum for
13 students at the secondary and postsecondary education level, to be
14 implemented beginning with the 2021-2022 scholastic year as a
15 requirement for graduation. The curriculum shall be comprehensive
16 and cohesive to allow for a seamless transition and alignment of
17 courses offered at the secondary education level, which shall be
18 offered as a one (1) semester course and account for a one-half
19 (1/2) Carnegie unit, with those offered at the postsecondary



20 level, which shall be offered as a one (1) semester course and
21 account for three-hour course.

22 (2) The curriculum shall be designed as an
23 inter-disciplinary course which compares capitalism and socialism,
24 in both theory and practice, and explore their relationship to
25 democracy. The subject shall be approached from multiple
26 perspectives, including: (a) normative, (b) analytical and (c)
27 historical. The course shall employ the use of tools from moral
28 philosophy, economics, social choice theory and comparative
29 historical sociology.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2021.

