

By: Representatives Karriem, Taylor

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 849

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A  
 2 CIVICS CURRICULUM TO BE TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS; TO  
 3 AMEND SECTION 37-13-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE  
 4 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A HIGH SCHOOL HOME ECONOMICS  
 5 CURRICULUM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 6 TO REQUIRE SUFFICIENT STATE FUNDING TO BE APPROPRIATED IN THE  
 7 ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION  
 8 BILLS TO PROVIDE FOR NO LESS THAN ONE HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTOR IN  
 9 EACH HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall develop a  
 12 civics curriculum to be incorporated into the existing curriculum  
 13 mandated for all public high schools. The civics curriculum must  
 14 be designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills that  
 15 are critical to the responsibilities of citizenship in the  
 16 constitutional democracy of the United States. The board shall  
 17 require each school district to implement the civics curriculum in  
 18 the 2023-2024 school year.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-13-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 20 amended as follows:



21           37-13-151.   \* \* \* The State Board of Education shall develop  
22 a home economics curriculum to be implemented in the public high  
23 schools by all local school districts \* \* \* in the 2023-2024  
24 school year. The home economics curriculum must include, at a  
25 minimum, course work in responsible parenting and family living  
26 skills. The \* \* \* curriculum also must provide instruction to  
27 prepare students to understand children's physical, mental,  
28 emotional and social growth and development as well as to assume  
29 responsibility for their care and guidance, with emphasis on  
30 nutrition, emotional health and physical health.   \* \* \*

31           **SECTION 3.** Section 37-13-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33           37-13-153. State funding for the home economics programs  
34 required in Section 37-13-151 shall be \* \* \* provided in the  
35 adequate education program and vocational education appropriation  
36 bills \* \* \* by line item specifying the amount that is to be  
37 expended to employ no less than one (1) instructor in each high  
38 school in each school district in the state. Any funds so  
39 appropriated by line item which are not expended for this purpose  
40 in the vocational education appropriation may be expended for  
41 other related home economics vocational purposes during the fiscal  
42 year for which those funds were appropriated.   \* \* \*

43           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 2022.

