

By: Representative Hood

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 788

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED POLICIES
 2 ALLOWING STUDENTS MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA TO BE EXEMPT FROM
 3 PERIODIC, QUARTERLY OR SEMESTER EXAMS FROM PROHIBITING STUDENTS
 4 WHO HAVE MAINTAINED ALL A'S ON HIS OR HER REPORT CARD FROM BEING
 5 EXEMPT FROM SUCH EXAMINATIONS DUE TO ABSENTEEISM; AND FOR RELATED
 6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The school board of any school district which has
 9 adopted a policy allowing students meeting certain criteria to be
 10 exempt from periodic, quarterly or semester exams which determine
 11 a student's final grade in the courses offered and for which exams
 12 are administered, shall not prohibit any student who has
 13 demonstrated superior academic performance by achieving and
 14 maintaining all A's on his or her report card from being exempt
 15 from such examination due to absenteeism. This section shall not
 16 apply to any assessments administered by the State Department of
 17 Education under the Mississippi Statewide Testing Program, which
 18 determine a student's level of proficiency and are used by the
 19 Commission on School Accreditation in designating statewide
 20 accountability performance classifications to the public schools.



21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2023.

