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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1070

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-13-187, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 2 1972, TO ESTABLISH THE PATRIOTIC EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM TO BE
 3 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
 4 PROMOTING EDUCATION THAT INSPIRES AMERICAN HISTORY IN SCHOOLS; TO
 5 PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE
 6 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
 7 THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE
 8 ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE
 9 PATRIOTIC EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
 12 37-13-187, Mississippi Code of 1972:

13 37-13-187. (1) There is hereby established the Patriotic
 14 Education Grant Program.

15 (2) The Patriotic Education Grant Program shall be
 16 administered by the Department of Education for the purpose of
 17 promoting education that inspires pride in American history in
 18 schools.

19 (3) The Department of Education shall administer grant funds
 20 to schools for activities, including but not limited to,
 21 after-school clubs, special speakers and field trips.



22 (4) All school districts and teachers may apply for grant
23 funds from the program, provided that teachers shall receive
24 approval from their school district before applying for such
25 funds. If a teacher submits an application for a grant under the
26 program, he or she must specify the purposes for which the funds
27 are intended for use. If the teacher's grant application is
28 approved, the funds shall be issued to the school district of the
29 teacher's employment for the uses specified in the application,
30 and expenditures of which must be reported to the appropriate
31 district personnel responsible for receivable and expendable
32 accounts.

33 (5) The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and
34 regulations to accomplish the purpose of the program.

35 (6) The Department of Education shall allocate annual grant
36 funding in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to
37 the Patriotic Education Grant Program. There is created a special
38 fund in the State Treasury, to be known as the "Patriotic
39 Education Grant Fund," from which the grants authorized by this
40 act shall be disbursed by the Department of Education.

41 (7) All monies deposited into the Patriotic Education Grant
42 Fund shall be exclusively used for the purposes provided in this
43 act and any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year shall not
44 revert to the General Fund of the State Treasury but shall be
45 available for such purposes in subsequent fiscal years.



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

