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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1070
(As Passed the House)

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 TEACHES 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 teaches American history in schools.

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



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

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

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

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



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

