

By: Representative Roberson

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT AGGREGATE
3 DATA CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPULSIONS WHICH DOES NOT DISCLOSE
4 STUDENTS' PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-15-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-15-6. For the purpose of providing notice to public and
10 private school officials, both within and outside the boundaries
11 of the state, of the expulsion of any public school student, the
12 State Department of Education may develop a central reporting
13 system for maintaining information concerning each expulsion from
14 a public school. In establishing and maintaining the reporting
15 system, the department may require each school district and
16 charter school to report, within a certain period of time after an
17 expulsion, as established by the department, information such as
18 the following:

19 (a) The name of the student expelled;



- 20 (b) The date the student was expelled;
- 21 (c) The age of the student at the time of the
22 expulsion;
- 23 (d) The school from which the student was expelled;
- 24 (e) The reason for the expulsion, including a detailed
25 description of the student's act or acts;
- 26 (f) The duration of the period of expulsion, if not
27 indefinite; and
- 28 (g) Any other information that the department deems
29 necessary for school officials in a public or private school,
30 where a student is seeking enrollment, to determine whether or not
31 a student should be denied enrollment based upon a previous
32 expulsion.

33 Any information maintained by the department under the
34 authority of this section shall be strictly confidential. The
35 information shall be available to school officials at a public or
36 private school only upon their request and only when a student
37 seeks enrollment or admission to that school. In no case shall
38 the information be available to the general public; however,
39 aggregate reporting by the department which does not disclose any
40 personally identifiable information is permitted.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2024.

