

By: Representative Currie

To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
2 ACQUIRE AND DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE BOOK ONE MISSISSIPPI TO ALL
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR GRADE 2 STUDENTS;
4 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE A LESSON PLAN
5 TEMPLATE FOR INSTRUCTION ON THE CONTENT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
6 BOOK; TO REQUIRE THE LESSON TO BE ADMINISTERED DURING THE NATIONAL
7 "READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK" OBSERVANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds that the state song, "One
10 Mississippi," is an important cultural and historical
11 representation of the State of Mississippi. The dissemination and
12 instruction of the book, One Mississippi, which provides context
13 and history about the state song, will promote an understanding of
14 Mississippi's heritage among students and support the development
15 of civic pride.

16 **SECTION 2.** (1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year,
17 the State Department of Education, subject to appropriation for
18 such purposes, shall acquire sufficient copies of the book, One
19 Mississippi, to distribute to all public school districts and
20 charter schools in the state, which such schools shall receive



21 enough copies to provide every student enrolled in Grade 2 with an
22 individual copy of the book.

23 (2) The instruction shall be administered annually during
24 the national "Read Across America Week" observance. School
25 districts and charter schools shall ensure that teachers adhere to
26 the lesson plan template when teaching the material.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2025.

