

By: Representative Wells-Smith

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1101

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY SCIENCE PROGRAM OR SCIENCE
 2 CURRICULUM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MISSISSIPPI MAY INCLUDE THE
 3 PRESENTATION OF THE THEORIES ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF LIFE IF EACH
 4 THEORY, INCLUDING EVOLUTION AND CREATION SCIENCE, IS GIVEN EQUAL
 5 INSTRUCTION TIME; TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL BOARD SHALL
 6 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY TEACHER WHO TEACHES THE ORIGIN OF LIFE
 7 THEORIES IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED
 8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Any science program or science curriculum in the
 11 public schools of Mississippi may include the presentation of the
 12 theories about the origin of life. If such theories are taught,
 13 each theory, including evolution and creation science, shall be
 14 given equal instruction time in order to provide the students with
 15 a comprehensive scientific education. No school board shall
 16 discriminate against any teacher who teaches the origin of life
 17 theories in the manner provided in this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 19 and after July 1, 2002.

