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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1354

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A
 2 STUDY OF THE LOGISTICS OF IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM THAT WOULD
 3 PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON FELONY LAWS TO CERTAIN STUDENTS, AND TO
 4 PROVIDE THE LEGISLATURE WITH A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 5 CONCERNING THE FINDINGS OF THAT STUDY; TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO
 6 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM NOT LATER THAN THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR;
 7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall conduct a
 10 study of the logistics of implementing a program that would
 11 provide instruction on felony laws to either Grade 7 or Grade 8
 12 students in the public schools of this state. The board shall
 13 make a report to the Legislature concerning the findings of the
 14 study, with recommendations regarding logistical requirements of
 15 the program, including, but not limited to, the length of the
 16 program, the grade in which the program will be taught and by
 17 whom, and how the instruction will be organized. The report also
 18 shall include the estimated costs, whether federal, state or
 19 local, and the benefits associated with implementing this program.
 20 The program shall be implemented not later than the beginning of
 21 the 2004-2005 school year.

22 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 23 and after July 1, 2003.

