By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)   To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2129

1   AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN APPROPRIATE CONDUCT BY ALL STUDENTS
2   IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REQUIRE CITY AND
3   COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS TO PROVIDE FOR INCORPORATION OF SUCH
4   REQUIREMENTS INTO ANY EXISTING DISCIPLINE POLICY OR POLICIES OR
5   ANY CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED
6   PURPOSES.

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

8   **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year and

9   thereafter, each city and county school board shall require each

10 student in each public school under the jurisdiction of the board

11 to exhibit appropriate conduct as follows:

12   (a) When any teacher or administrator enters a room in

13 any public school, each student present in such room shall stand

14 and shall remain standing until the appropriate school official

15 instructs the student or students to be seated.

16   (b) When any public school student is speaking with any

17 teacher or administrator while on school property or at a school

18 sponsored event, then such student shall address and respond to

19 such teacher or administrator by using the respectful terms, "Yes,

20 Ma'am" and "No, Ma'am" or "Yes, Sir" and "No, Sir," as

21 appropriate, or "Yes, Miss, Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" and "No, Miss,

22 Mrs., or Ms. (Surname)" or "Yes, Mr. (Surname)" and "No, Mr.

23 (Surname)," as appropriate, each such title to be followed by the

24 appropriate surname.

25   (2) Each city and county school board shall provide for

26 incorporation of the requirements of this section into any

27 existing discipline policy or policies or any code of conduct of

28 the school system or of each school within its jurisdiction.

29   (3) Each city and county school board shall take or provide

30 for such appropriate actions necessary to discipline any student

31 who fails to comply with requirements of subsection (1) of this

32 section.

33   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

34 and after July 1, 2004.

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PAGE 2   conduct by students.