

**PROPOSED HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 2504**

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Amendment to Senate Bill 2504

Add a new Section 33 by amending on line 3396 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

Section 33. (1) The Legislature recognizes:

- (a) The need for positive reinforcement of higher educational opportunities, social usages and community commitment;
- (b) That it is a difficult time in our society to raise children;
- (c) That substance abuse, Internet pornography and authority issues are a few of the challenges faced each day;
- (d) That our children are exposed to an environment where drugs, violence, sex, ill gotten monies and peer pressure are an ever-present force that affects both their behavior and perception of life; and
- (e) That television, telephones, movies, radio and video games are devastating to our children's success.

(2) The Legislature believes that we must correct the problems with our children and reverse this culture of failure that leads to truancy, drug abuse and poverty. The Legislature believes that we must develop an agenda that will help place life in a positive and productive perspective for our children and assist our schools in dealing with the issues and problems that we are currently facing within our communities.

Section 34. Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year and every school year thereafter, all school districts that were at Level 3 or below during the 2001 school year according to the Mississippi Report Card as provided in Section 37-3-53 shall implement the following programs:

- (a) School uniforms;
- (b) Separation of the genders of students;
- ~~(c) Health classes for middle school children;~~
- ~~(d) Basic Home Economics and Social Usage classes for middle school children;~~
- (e) Implementing distance learning in areas of mathematics, science, home economics, social usage, business and entrepreneurship if the district does not have a competent teacher available for these classes;
- (f) Spelling bees, mathematics bees and science bees in those perspective classes;
- (g) Entrepreneurship competition
- (h) Homework assignments everyday in every class from kindergarten through Grade 12. Homework shall include, but is not limited to, a minimum of five (5) vocabulary words to be learned from each class every week, including how to spell, define and use each word in a sentence;
- (i) Reading and writing curriculum that is developmentally appropriate for kindergarten students and
- (j) Implementing "4 for 4" Program, a parent led youth oriented concept that emphasizes being involved in a positive environment. The family as a whole commits to NO TELEVISION, NO TELEPHONES, NO TRASHY MUSIC AND NO VIDEOS for "4 hours for 4 days" each Monday through Thursday.

The commission to study and report on the enhanced practices and programs to improve student achievement will also study the aforementioned recommendations.