

By: Representative Fleming

To: Education;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CORE CURRICULUM
2 REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN
3 MISSISSIPPI AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON TO THE
4 LEGISLATURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a task force to study the
7 core curriculum required for public elementary, secondary, and
8 special education in Mississippi and how to improve and update the
9 curriculum. The task force shall make a report of its findings
10 and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2005,
11 including any recommended legislation.

12 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following
13 members:

14 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education;

15 (b) One (1) member of the Board of Trustees of State
16 Institutions of Higher Learning, to be appointed by the board of
17 trustees;

18 (c) One (1) representative from the State Department of
19 Education, to be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public
20 Education;

21 (d) One (1) member of the House of Representatives from
22 each of the four (4) congressional districts to be appointed by
23 the Speaker of the House;

24 (e) One (1) senator from each of the four (4)
25 congressional districts to be appointed by the Lieutenant
26 Governor;

27 (f) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
28 Department of Human Services, to be appointed by the executive
29 director of the department;

30 (g) Two (2) representatives to be appointed by the
31 Governor;

32 (h) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
33 Association of Educators, to be appointed by the executive
34 director of that association;

35 (i) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
36 Professional Educators, to be appointed by the executive director
37 of that organization;

38 (j) One (1) representative from the Mississippi
39 Association of Social Workers, to be appointed by the executive
40 director of that association;

41 (k) One (1) representative from the Coalition for
42 Citizens with Disabilities, to be appointed by the executive
43 director of that organization.

44 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
45 the effective date of this act, and the task force shall meet and
46 organize within fifteen (15) days after appointment of the
47 members, on a day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the
48 House and the Lieutenant Governor.

49 (4) The task force shall study and make recommendations
50 regarding the core curriculum required in public elementary,
51 secondary and special education and how to improve and update the
52 curriculum.

53 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
54 and after July 1, 2005.