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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 597

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY STUDENT IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH
 2 TWELVE ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN MISSISSIPPI SHALL NOT
 3 PARTICIPATE IN ANY ATHLETIC PROGRAM UNLESS THAT STUDENT MAINTAINS
 4 A 2.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, any
 7 student in Grades 7 through 12 enrolled in a public school of this
 8 state shall not participate in any athletic program unless that
 9 student maintains a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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