

By: Representatives Hines, Bailey,  
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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1331

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 2006-2007 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 2006-2007 school year.

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