

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2576

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 2005-2006 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, 2005.