

By: Representatives Brown, Weathersby, Lott, To: Education  
Montgomery

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DESIGN  
2 AND IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATIVE DIPLOMA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The State Department of Education shall design  
5 and implement an alternative diploma program designed for students  
6 who are not going to college. It is the intent of this  
7 Legislature that the curriculum for this alternative diploma  
8 program be rigorous; however, it should not require college  
9 entrance courses. The alternative diploma program shall comply  
10 with No Child Left Behind. The Department shall implement the  
11 alternative diploma program by 2007-2008 school year. The  
12 Department shall report to the Legislature on January 1, 2007.

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new  
14 section in Chapter 3, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
16 and after July 1, 2006.