

By: Representative Warren

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE DUTY OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 TO COMPILE CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MATERIALS TO
4 JULY 1, 2009, AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO A SPECIFIC SCHOOL YEAR;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-11-54. The State Board of Education, using only existing
10 staff and resources, shall develop a list of recommended conflict
11 resolution and mediation materials, models and curricula that
12 address responsible decision making, the causes and effects of
13 school violence and harassment, cultural diversity, and nonviolent
14 methods for resolving conflict, including peer mediation, and
15 shall make the list available to local school administrative units
16 and school buildings before the beginning of the * * * school
17 year. However, no monies from the Temporary Assistance for Needy
18 Families grant may be used for developing this list. In
19 developing this list, the board shall emphasize materials, models
20 and curricula that currently are being used in Mississippi and
21 which the board determines to be effective. The board shall
22 include at least one (1) model that includes instruction and
23 guidance for the voluntary implementation of peer mediation
24 programs and one (1) model that provides instruction and guidance
25 for teachers concerning the integration of conflict resolution and
26 mediation lessons into the existing classroom curriculum.

27 This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2009.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2007.