

By: Representative Lott

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 625

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO ALLOW THE TEACHING  
2 OF CREATIONISM OR INTELLIGENT DESIGN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The school board of a school district may allow  
5 the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in the schools  
6 within the district. However, if the theory of evolution is  
7 required to be taught as part of the school district's science  
8 curriculum, in order to provide students with a comprehensive  
9 education in science, the school board also must include the  
10 teaching of creationism or intelligent design in the science  
11 curriculum.

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