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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 707
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE SCHOOL START DATE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT
2 ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION
3 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BEGIN THE NEW ACADEMIC
4 SCHOOL YEAR OF INSTRUCTION ON OR AFTER THE THIRD MONDAY IN AUGUST;
5 TO EXEMPT THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF FROM THE
6 APPLICATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
9 as the School Start Date Act.

10 (2) Beginning with the 2014–2015 school year, all public
11 elementary or secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the
12 State Board of Education shall begin the new academic year of
13 instruction for students on or after the third Monday in August.

14 (3) The provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall
15 not apply to the Mississippi School for the Blind and the
16 Mississippi School for the Deaf.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after July 1, 2012.

