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To: Transportation;  
Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP  
2 A PROGRAM ON HOW PERSONS SHOULD RESPOND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 OFFICERS WHEN STOPPED; TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
4 OF 1972, TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS TAUGHT IN PUBLIC  
5 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE A PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
6 SAFETY ON HOW PERSONS SHOULD RESPOND TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
7 WHEN STOPPED; TO REQUIRE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT OFFER A DRIVER'S  
8 EDUCATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE IN SUCH PROGRAM THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED  
9 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ON HOW TO RESPOND TO LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHEN STOPPED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Safety shall develop a  
13 program of study on how persons should properly respond when  
14 stopped by law enforcement officers to be taught to students as  
15 part of the state driver education and training program and as  
16 part of a driver education program taught to students attending  
17 nonpublic schools.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-25-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:

20 37-25-5. The State Superintendent of Public Education shall  
21 prepare and recommend to the State Board of Education, and the  
22 board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the



23 establishment, conduct and scope of driver education and training  
24 programs in secondary schools of this state, subject to the  
25 requirements and exceptions set forth in this chapter. Said  
26 program shall be established and maintained only in accordance  
27 with such rules and regulations. The state driver education and  
28 training program in secondary schools of this state shall include  
29 a program of study for alcohol and safety education as it pertains  
30 to driver and highway safety and shall also include instruction  
31 relating to organ and tissue donation and organ and tissue  
32 donation procedures, and shall include instruction on the litter  
33 laws of the state and the responsibilities of the driver and all  
34 passengers to dispose of litter in the proper container. The  
35 state driver education and training program in secondary schools  
36 of this state shall also include a program of study, developed by  
37 the Department of Public Safety under Section 1 of this act, on  
38 how persons should properly respond when stopped by law  
39 enforcement officers.

40 The State Superintendent of Public Education shall prepare an  
41 administrative budget from funds made available under this chapter  
42 which budget shall be approved by the State Board of Education.  
43 It shall be the responsibility of the State Superintendent of  
44 Public Education to administer this program in accordance with  
45 rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education  
46 and to appoint the necessary supervisors of safety education and  
47 the necessary clerical personnel.



48           **SECTION 3.** Any nonpublic school accredited by the State  
49 Board of Education or any other accreditation agency that offers a  
50 driver's education program shall include as part of such program  
51 the program developed by the Department of Public Safety under  
52 Section 1 of this act, related to how persons should properly  
53 respond when stopped by law enforcement officers.

54           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
55 and after July 1, 2017.

