SB34 ENGROSSED



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- 3 By Senator Smitherman
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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to public education; to require instruction in
10	violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation before
11	graduation from high school; and to require the State
12	Department of Education to develop standards for a course or
13	program encompassing that instruction.
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
15	Section 1. Section 16-40-13 is added to the Code of
16	Alabama 1975, to read as follows:
17	\$16-40-13
18	(a) Beginning with public school students entering
19	middle school in the 2026-2027 school year, each student shall
20	complete a course or program in violence prevention, conflict
21	resolution, and mediation before promotion to high school. The
22	instruction shall include a discussion of or instruction in
23	all of the following:
24	(1) Responsible decision-making.
25	(2) The causes and effects of school violence and
26	harassment, cultural diversity, and nonviolent methods for
27	resolving conflict, including peer mediation.
28	(3) The consequences of violent behavior.





- 29 (4) The causes of violent reactions to conflict.
- 30 (5) Nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.

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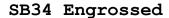
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- 31 (6) The relationship between drugs, alcohol, and violence.
- 33 (7) The implementation of voluntary peer mediation 34 programs and the integration of conflict resolution models in 35 classrooms.
 - (b) Before June 30, 2026, the State Department of Education shall prepare and make available to all local boards of education instructional materials, models, and curricula that may be used as guidelines for development of a violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation course or program. Each local board of education shall determine the appropriate curriculum for satisfying the requirements of this section. The State Department of Education shall assist in training teachers to provide effective instruction in violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation.
- 46 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as
 47 necessary to implement this section.
- Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.





50 51 52 Senate 53 Read for the first time and referred04-Feb-25 to the Senate committee on Education 54 Policy 55 56 57 Read for the second time and placed20-Feb-25 on the calendar: 58 59 1 amendment 60 Read for the third time and passed09-Apr-25 61 62 as amended Yeas 25 63 Nays 2 64 Abstains 0 65 66 67 68 Patrick Harris, 69 Secretary.

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