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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
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**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** SB 2390  
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## **SB 2390**

SB 2390 codifies Section 37-11-54 to direct the State Board of Education to develop a list of conflict resolution and peer mediation models and curricula for schools. The State Board is to make this list available to local administrative units and school buildings by the beginning of the 2002-2003 school years. The Board is to include at least one (1) model that includes instruction and guidance for the voluntary implementation of peer mediation programs and one (1) model that includes instruction and guidance for teachers concerning the integration of conflict resolution and mediation lessons into the existing classroom curricula.

When questioned as to the cost of this bill, Steve Williams with MDE stated that the department already has a large part of the actual curricula. It will simply be a matter of compiling a list for distribution to the districts and schools. Districts may implement the curricula at their discretion.

Representative May Whittington stated that she thought this would be a good safety tool for children because it will teach them how to listen.

SB 2390 is effective July 1, 2001.