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GOVERNOR BARBOUR'S STATEMENT ON THE FEDERAL
EDUCATION, JOBS AND MEDICAID ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION

“The Bill as passed the Senate will force Mississippi to rewrite its current year (FY11) budget. Preliminary estimates of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration show that we will now have to spend between \$50-100 million of state funds - funds that must be taken away from public safety, human services, mental health and other state priorities and given to education - in order for an additional \$98 million of federal funds to be granted to education. There is no justification for the federal government hijacking state budgets, but that is exactly what Congress has done. ”