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[Senate Bill 2427](#) [4], introduced in the Mississippi Senate and referred to the Committee on Education on January 10, 2005, would, if enacted, ensure that "[n]o local school board, school superintendent or school principal shall prohibit a public school classroom teacher from discussing and answering questions from individual students on the issue of flaws or problems which may exist in Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution and the existence of other theories of evolution, including, but not limited to, the Intelligent Design explanation of the origin of life." The chief sponsor of SB 2427 is Senator Charles Edwin Ross (R-District 20); its cosponsors are Senators Patrick Alan Nunnelee (R-District 6) and William Gardner Hewes III (R-District 49.)

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