

By: Representative Flaggs

To: Education;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
2 DEVELOP A FRINGE BENEFITS PACKAGE OF PREVENTIVE CARE MEASURES FOR
3 LICENSED TEACHERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. The State Department of Education shall develop a
6 comprehensive fringe benefits package of preventive care measures
7 to be made available to all licensed teachers. The package shall
8 include coverage for the following services:

9 (a) Annual screenings by low-dose mammography for all women
10 teachers thirty-five (35) years of age or older for the presence
11 of occult breast cancer;

12 (b) Annual prostate cancer screenings for men teachers fifty
13 (50) years of age or older and for younger men who are at high
14 risk;

15 (c) Annual cholesterol screenings; and

16 (d) Any other services required by the department or
17 included within the scope of generalized support for prevention
18 offered by health care providers.

19 Subject to the availability of appropriations, preventive
20 services offered under the fringe benefits package shall be made
21 available to licensed teachers at no cost.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
23 and after July 1, 1999.