

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 202

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HOLD SCHEDULED PARENTAL  
2 VISITATION SESSIONS DURING EACH SEMESTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR; TO  
3 REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO ARRANGE SPECIAL VISITATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS  
4 WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED SESSIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A  
5 CHILD HAVING NO PARENT WHO ATTENDS AT LEAST ONE VISITATION SESSION  
6 PER SEMESTER SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO REMAIN ENROLLED IN THE  
7 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year,  
10 each school district shall hold parental visitation sessions in  
11 each school in the district. The school district shall designate  
12 no less than one (1) day and one (1) evening during each semester  
13 that the school district officials and faculty and staff at the  
14 school will be available to visit with the parents, guardians or  
15 custodians of children enrolled in that particular school. The  
16 school district shall provide adequate notice to the parent,  
17 guardian or custodian of each child enrolled in the school of the  
18 date and time of the scheduled visitation sessions. If a parent,  
19 guardian or custodian is unable to attend any of the designated  
20 parental visitation sessions due to his job schedule or other  
21 justifiable reasons, the school shall arrange, in cooperation with  
22 the parent, guardian or custodian, a special visitation session  
23 for the parent, guardian or custodian to meet with the child's  
24 teachers and school administrators.

25 (2) At least one (1) parent, guardian or custodian of each  
26 child enrolled in a school must attend no less than one (1)  
27 parental visitation session during each semester of the school  
28 year. If no parent, guardian or custodian of a child enrolled in

29 a school attends at least one (1) parental visitation session  
30 during a semester, the child will not be eligible to remain  
31 enrolled in the school district.

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