

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 207

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; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

28 and after July 1, 1999.