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Ellzey, Evans, Fredericks, Henderson (9th),
Henderson (26th), Holden, Huddleston,
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Reeves, Shows, Simpson, Smith (39th),
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HOUSE BILL NO. 756

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS UNDER THE MINIMUM
2 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3 PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS; TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT
4 OF FUNDS IN EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR UNTIL EACH ELEMENTARY
5 SCHOOL HAS EMPLOYED AT LEAST ONE PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR; TO
6 AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO ASSIGN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
7 INSTRUCTORS TO PARTICULAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, in
11 addition to other funds allotted under the minimum education
12 program, each school district shall be allotted sufficient funding
13 to employ one (1) physical education instructor, with funding for
14 an additional physical education instructor to be allotted per
15 fiscal year until each elementary school in the school district
16 has one (1) state-funded physical education instructor. However,
17 until the time that there is a physical education instructor in
18 every elementary school at a ratio of 1:150 or greater, the annual
19 appropriation for elementary physical education instructors shall
20 not be reduced.

21 (2) The State Department of Education may increase the
22 number of positions funded each year beyond the above requirements
23 as money is made available.

24 (3) The assignment of the physical education instructors to
25 the particular elementary schools shall be at the discretion of
26 the local school district.

27 (4) To qualify for minimum program funding, physical
28 education instructors shall be full-time professional personnel,
29 shall spend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of work time in an

30 instructional relationship with pupils, and shall devote no more
31 than one-fourth (1/4) of the work day to administrative
32 activities.

33 (5) Nothing in this act shall prohibit any school district
34 from employing with local funds more elementary school physical
35 education instructors than are provided for in this act.

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