

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Education;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 965

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS TO  
2 BE TAUGHT HEALTH EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS  
3 UNDER THE MINIMUM EDUCATION PROGRAM TO EMPLOY LICENSED TEACHERS IN  
4 EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF TEACHING THE HEALTH  
5 CLASSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. In addition to the curriculum otherwise required  
8 by law or the State Board of Education to be taught in the public  
9 schools of this state, a health class shall be required for all  
10 seventh grade students. Each health class taught pursuant to this  
11 section shall meet no less than one (1) classroom period per week.

12 SECTION 2. In addition to the other funds allotted under the  
13 minimum education program, each school district shall be allotted  
14 sufficient funding to employ no less than one (1) licensed teacher  
15 per each one hundred thirty-five (135) students in average daily  
16 attendance in the district for the purpose of providing a health  
17 class to the seventh grade students in that school district.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a  
19 separate code section in Chapter 13, Title 37, Mississippi Code of  
20 1972. Section 2 of this act shall be codified as a separate code  
21 section in Chapter 19, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
23 and after July 1, 1999.